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CLARKE COLLEGE

Guest Day, March 30, 1974

PROGRAM

8:30-10:00	Registration — College Library
8:30-10:00	Campus Tours and Hospitality
10:00-10:15	Welcome and Special Recognitions — Recital Hall Dr. W. L. Compere, President David Carr, Student Government Ass'n. President Mr. Mike Miller, Admissions Director
10:15-10:45	Entertainment — Recital Hall The "C's" and The Clarke College Singers
10:50-11:35	Alumni Meeting — Choral Room
10:50-11:10	First Student/Faculty Conference*
11:15-11:35	Second Student/Faculty Conference*
11:40-12:00	Conference for Parents — Recital Hall "Financial Questions and Answers"
12:30- 1:00	Area Representative Meeting — Choral Room
1:00	Singspiration — Recital Hall Featuring "Maranatha" from [REDACTED] Hattiesburg
2:30	Ballgame

CAFETERIA SERVING LUNCH 10:45 - 1:00

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

ART Mr. Brown, Mrs. Denham	Fine Arts Building, Art Room
BIBLE, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Dr. Carter, Dr. Melton	Science Building, Room 3
BUSINESS Mrs. Clark, Mr. Brady	Science Building, Room 2
ENGLISH, SPEECH Mrs. Kee, Mrs. Chance, Mr. Ford, Mr. North, Mrs. Williams	Fine Arts Building, Room 23
HISTORY Mr. Spencer	Science Building, Room 5
LIBERAL ARTS, UNDECIDED Mr. Vaughn	Fine Arts Building, Room 24
MUSIC Mr. Adams, Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. McElroy	Fine Arts Building, Room 26
SCIENCE, MATH Dr. Myers, Mr. Bethune	Science Building, Biology Lab
TEACHING, PHYSICAL EDUCATION Mrs. McGaugh, Mr. Pepper	Science Building, Room 4

Alumni Hospitality — Administrative Center Lobby

Overnight accommodations will be provided by the college for guests who live over 100 miles from campus and wish to come on Friday night. Those using such accommodations will need to provide their own linens. No reservations are necessary.

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NTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1907.

COLLEGE MEETINGS BEING HELD NIGHTLY

NEWTON PEOPLE ARE WORKING TO SECURE THE CLARKE SCHOOL.

Only a Few Days Will Intervene Before
Final Decision as to Location Will
Be Made—List of Committees.

The time is drawing near when the matter of locating the Clarke Memorial College will be settled, and the town that is successful in winning the prize must be very active. The general locating committee will meet at Bay Springs next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock to decide where it shall be built, and their action at this meeting is to be final.

As previously announced, the place can offer the best inducements, everything considered, for the best interests of the present and future welfare of the institution, will be the successful one. It is generally conceded that Newton has every advantage, except from a money standpoint—that is, if Newton can put up as large a contribution as any other point, it will be most likely to get the college. Knowing this to be the case every other competing town is exerting every possible effort to raise enough funds to outbid Newton. And for this reason, it behooves Newton to work with greater energies to overcome this obstacle.

Newton is able and can afford to donate as much as any other place that will ask for the school, but the question is, will it? The Record has been told that some of the people here who are most able to subscribe are not coming up with their part, and for that reason others who are less able are more reluctant about giving, when they see that those who are worth so much more are not manifesting the interest that they should. The Rec-

Smith county—D. W. Moulder, J. W. Huff.

Scott county—Jeff Kent, Roy Nichols.

Jones county—H. C. Collins.

Greene county—G. W. Duke.

Neshoba county—R. T. Grafton, J. W. Gilbert.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Newton county—R. L. White, Q. Q. Graham.

Jasper county—J. F. Blackwell, C. Thigpen.

Scott county—E. W. Sumrall, Willie Ware.

Jones county—W. N. Montgomery.

Neshoba county—R. T. Grafton, J. T. Lewis.

TRUSTEES.

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Jasper county—W. J. Shoemaker, G. W. Land.

Neshoba county—H. Y. Graham, R. L. Breland.

Smith county—J. R. Anderson, D. W. Moulder.

Scott county—Cleveland Hamilton, J. A. Huff.

Jones county—H. R. Holcomb.

Green county—G. W. Rainer.

Hotel For Sale.

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A Significant Prayer.

"May the Lord help you take Bucklen's Arnica Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins of Chapel Hill, N. C. "It quickly took the pain out of a felon for me and cured it in a wonderfully short time." Best on earth for sores, burns and wounds 25 cts. at J. S. Davidson's drug store.

Newton An Ideal Location.

The people of Newton county and that section of county where Rev. N. L. Clarke was best known, are increasing their enthusiasm in the effort to have established in Newton, Mr. Clarke's home, a Baptist college in honor of his memory.

The Reverend Mr. Clarke was one of the foremost preachers of the Baptist faith in the state during an extraordinarily long and active life, during which he was for many years editor of the Mississippi Baptist, and the Baptists of that section are determined to have some fitting and lasting memorial erected in one form or another.

That Newton is an ideal location for a good school, being practically midway between Jackson and Meridian, is apparent, and there is little danger of getting good schools too close to-

November 28, 1907

NEWTON SUCCEEDS IN GETTING THE COLLEGE

UNANIMOUS DECISION OF COMMITTEE
AT BAY SPRINGS TUESDAY.

Six Towns Put Up Vigorous Fight for
the Institution, but Newton Was
Far in the Lead.

All hail the power of Newton. She
has won the victory in the contest for
the Clarke Memorial College.

The zeal and determination that
have characterized the work of the
citizens of this place for the past week
or two have been rewarded by the
committee deciding on Newton as the
place for this educational institution.

For the last week or more mass
meetings have been held almost daily,
the final rally taking place Sunday
night, when the first Baptist church
would not hold the congregation, and
the soliciting committees have been
working like beavers. Tuesday morn-
ing the local committees met with the
general locating committees at Bay
Springs, when the final decision was
made as to site of the college.

There were six places competing
for the prize, but Newton's offer nearly
doubled the highest bid offered by
any other point, and the final result
was that Newton was unanimously
voted as the proper place for the
school.

Bay Springs originated a little
scheme to down Newton by first en-
deavoring to get the committee to de-
cide that the center of the associational
territory was south of the Alabama
and Vicksburg railroad and vote for
the college to be located at a point
somewhere south of that line, and it

was only by a small majority that
this proposition failed to carry. After
failing in this scheme, the matter was
put before the committee on its
merits, and it was soon seen that
Newton had by far the greatest induce-
ments of any other place, from every
standpoint, and after the first vote it
was made unanimous for this place.

A vigorous fight was put up by the
competing points, but Newton's prop-
osition couldn't be met. G. H. Banks
was speaker for the Newton delega-
tion, and while he was backed by
something more than an eloquent
plea, he put up a splendid speech, for
he had something to speak for and
about. He had the most accessible
railroad point, a place centrally lo-
cated, a healthful locality, an ideal
site for the buildings, a town that
had fine water in abundance, the con-
veniences of water works and electric
light, and a site where sewerage could
be easily had, a progressive and lib-
eral people, and last but not least, a
donation of \$35,000 and an admiral
site of forty acres of land in the cor-
poration. This was too much for
our enterprising sister towns to over-
come, and after the victory was won,
other places said that Newton was the
proper place and entitled to the in-
stitution. Now that the matter is
decided all sections should rally to
the support of the college and make
it one that the state will be proud of.

The six towns that contested for the
college and the offers they made were
as follows:

Newton, \$35,000 and forty acres of
land, valued at \$5,000, and fifty schol-
arships.

Bay Springs, \$15,000 and 100 acres
of land.

Philadelphia, \$20,000 and a site.

Taylorville, \$14,150 and 677 acres
of land.

Summerland, \$11,000 and 700 acres
of land.

Stringer, \$6,000 and 500 acres of
land.

The matter is now up to the build-
ing committee, who will get to work
and raise funds and decide on the
plans. The Record understands it is
the intention to have the institution
ready to throw its doors open in time
for the next session of school.

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NEWTON, NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 24, 1908.

CLARKE COLLEGE TO HAVE FORMAL OPENING

PROGRAM OF EXERCISES TO BE CARRIED OUT NEXT TUESDAY.

Basket Picnic to be Given on Grounds and a Number of Prominent Speakers to Deliver Addresses.

Construction work on the buildings of the Clarke Memorial College is now nearing completion, and everything is being put in readiness for the opening exercises of the session, which will take place next Tuesday. An elaborate program has been prepared, which in connection with the picnic to be given on the grounds, promises to be an auspicious occasion, and will no doubt attract a large crowd here next Tuesday. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket and enjoy the day.

The Newton public school will be dismissed for the day, so that the student body and teachers can be present at the college opening. The following program has been arranged for this event, and will be carried out in the large chapel:

At 10 a. m., an address of welcome will be delivered by Senator G. H. Banks, of Newton.

The response will be delivered by C. R. Hays, of Newton.

Address—"Relation of the people of Newton to the College," Rev. T. J. Milley, of Newton.

Address—"Relation of the Baptists of the State to the College," Dr. Jno.

comfortable and conveniently arranged and ventilated rooms. The basement in the girls' dormitory will be used for dining-room or mess hall for both girls and boys. The chapel is in the center and several hundred feet to the rear of these buildings. This building is only to be used temporarily for a chapel, the main building to be erected next year at a cost of \$30,000 and to be situated just between the dormitories.

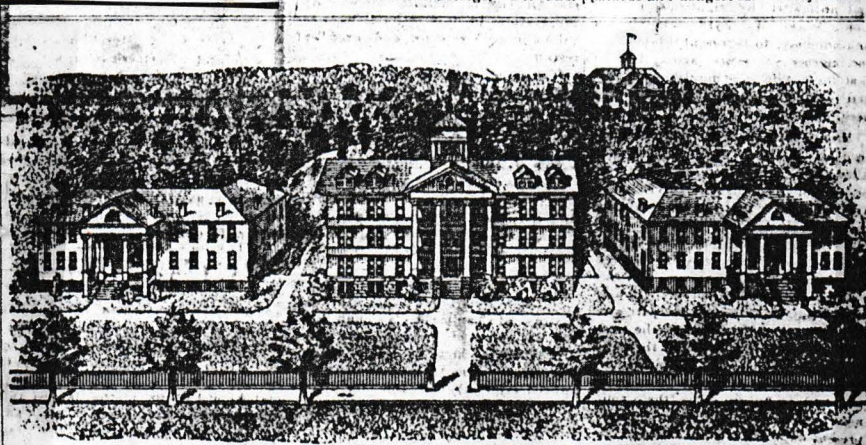
The three buildings now being completed will cost about \$30,000. They are painted pure white, having metal roofs painted a dark red, and are rather imposing structures. They were designed by Architect P. J. Krouse, of Meridian, while the builders are Contractors Norman & Hays, of Newton.

While the college is a Baptist school, it will be supported by all denominations, the people here contributing irrespective of denomination. It is to be co-educational and the prospects for a good attendance at this the first session are promising.

The faculty is composed of the following educators: Rev. S. B. Culpper, president; W. L. McMullan, A. B., professor of Latin and Mathematics; Hal M. Weathersby, B. A., professor of Greek and Science; Miss Daisy Lines, B. A., professor of History and English; W. J. Shoemaker, principal of preparatory department; Miss Ada Sumrall, B. A., assistant in preparatory department; Miss Minnie Austin, piano and vocal music; Mrs. Hal M. Weathersby, expression.

A Hoon to Elderly People.

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CLARKE COLLEGE BUILDINGS.

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L. Johnson, of Clinton, and Dr. I. P. Trotter, of Hattiesburg.

A recess will then be taken for dinner, and at 3 p. m. an address on "Christian Education" will be delivered by Hon. J. C. Hardy, resident of the Agricultural and Mechanical

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Consecration prayer will then be offered, following which adjournment will be taken.

The exercises will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, under the supervision of the college director of music, Miss Minnie Austin.

Clarke Memorial College was erected in honor of the late Rev. N. L. Clarke, who for sixty years was actively engaged in the ministry in this section and the memorial is a fitting one to man whose usefulness in Mississippi was far reaching, and whose many deeds of self-sacrifice will be a lasting monument to a well-spent life.

Realizing the need of an institution of learning for the higher education of boys and girls of east Mississippi, the people of this section got together and decided to build one and dedicate it to the memory of Mr. Clarke. The town of Newton donated \$35,000 and a \$5,000 site to have the institution located here and being the highest bidder, captured the prize. The location is a beautiful one, and an ideal site for a college. It comprises a tract of forty-six acres of land situated on the north side of town at a distance of nearly a mile, and the buildings are erected on a high plateau, in plain view of the city. A more desirable location could not be found.

CLARKE COLLEGE BUILDINGS

So far only three buildings have been erected, the boys dormitory, a two-story frame structure, with a capacity for the accommodation of 100; a two-story frame dormitory with brick basement, for 100 girls; and a two story frame building for the chapel. The boys' dormitory is situated on the left and the girls' on the right, both having nicely finished,

comfortable and conveniently arranged and ventilated rooms. The basement in the girls' dormitory will be used for dining-room or mess hall for both girls and boys. The chapel is in the center and several hundred feet to the rear of these buildings. This building is only to be used temporarily for a chapel, the main building to be erected next year at a cost of \$30,000 and to be situated just between the dormitories.

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CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE IS OPENED

An Immense Crowd of People Here to Witness
the Exercises Incident Thereto.

Number of Speakers Deliver Addresses, and Inter-
esting Program Carried Out—Graded School Dis-
missed and Business Houses Close for Occasion.

Tuesday was the day set apart for the formal opening of the Clarke Memorial College, and an important epoch in the history of Newton was marked by this auspicious occasion. The day selected for the opening was an ideal one, it being neither hot nor cold, muddy nor dusty, and everything was favorable for the event.

People began gathering in Newton the day previous and when the hour for the exercises of the day arrived, it was observed that perhaps the largest crowd that ever assembled in Newton at a public gathering was on hand. People were here from all over Newton county, from Scott, Lauderdale, Jasper, Smith, Neshoba, Rankin, Jones and perhaps other counties, and it is conservatively estimated that there were 2,500 people were on the college grounds. The large auditorium at the chapel was packed and hundreds of people could not even get inside. The citizens of Newton turned out en masse, the graded school, over 300 strong, was dismissed for the day, and the business houses were all closed for the occasion, and the business part of the city seemed to be almost deserted.

The program as announced last week was carried out in part, though the exercises were a little late in starting, it being nearly 11 o'clock beginning. At that hour every available place in hearing of the speakers was occupied

from schools that were partially denominational, while 85 per cent. went out from denominational institutions like this one. Christian institutions of education were the most powerful in shaping the destinies of a nation, and men who are to be at the head of such institutions must be Christians. Whenever men go out from a school, they will correspond with those at the head of the school from whence they came. This college, if it succeeds, will turn out ten-fold more leaders than a secular college would.

Mr Moore said that he not only spoke for himself but represented the people of all southeast Mississippi, and it seemed to him that of all places, Newton was the very center for such a college and that he believed it had been located at the proper place. Knowing that the movement had been launched only a year before by the association, he could hardly believe that the work could have been accomplished in so short a time. No other college had done so much in so short a time. He thought the institution would be the greatest advantage to the town of any institution in it, and will be pointed to with pride by all her citizens. It will cement the good will of all the surrounding country to Newton and be of lasting benefit.

Rev. H. R. Holcomb, pastor of second Baptist church at Laurel was called upon to respond to the welcome

Sept 7, 1924

COLLEGE BUILDING BURNS THIS MORNING

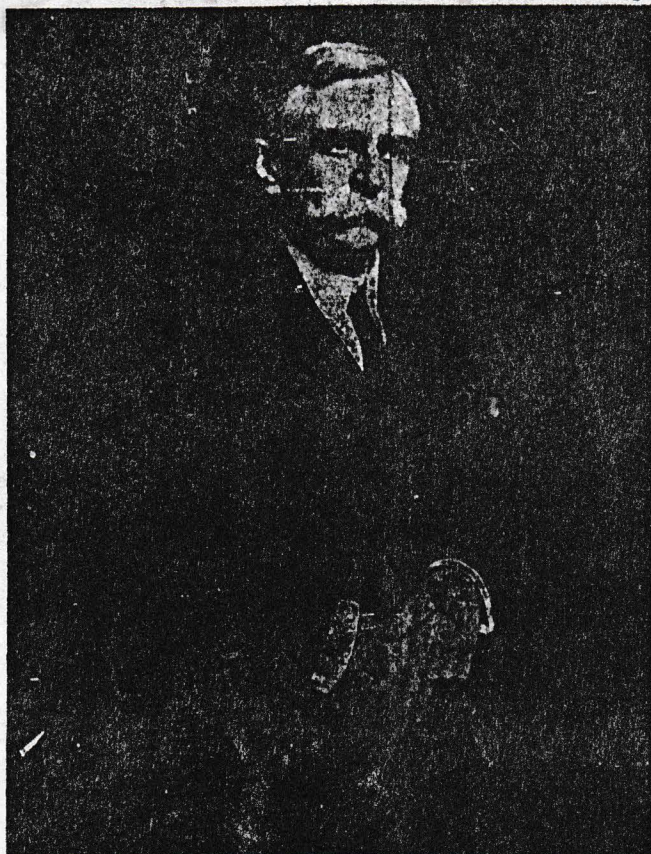
CHAPEL COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Blaze Starts from Defective Chimney, and Discovered Too Late to Save Structure.

SOON after the opening of school this morning, fire broke out in the administration building of Clarke College, and the flames had made such progress before detection that all efforts to suppress the blaze were futile, and in a short time the structure was a heap of ashes.

The blaze evidently originated from a defective chimney, leading from the furnace, as the fire started between the ceiling of the second floor and the roof, ear the chimney, and when discovered had burst through the roof and gained much headway. The belfry and nearly all the roof was ablaze when it attracted the attention of one of the students who was in the library.

An alarm was turned in and the vollunteer fire company responded as quickly as possible with the auto truck, but when they reached the college grounds the structure was a mass of flames, beyond control, especially as the water pressure on that high hill was rather weak. Had the pressure been all that was desired, however, the flames had reached proportions that they could



Dr. W. T. LOWREY, New President of Clarke Memorial College

DR. W. T. LOWREY TO HEAD CLARKE COLLEGE

DR. H. T. McLAURIN WILL
GO TO PICAYUNE.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin Go to
Other Fields After Six Years
of Successful Work Here.

Brief announcement was made last week of the change in the administration of Clarke Memorial College. Dr. H. T. McLaurin has been president of this institution for the last six years and Mrs. McLaurin has acted as lady principal. These six years brought about many changes and much progress at this institution.

During this time a new and handsome administration building was erected, Scanlan Hall for girls and a number of student cottages have been provided, approximating in material value \$100,000. The enrollment more than doubled within time and the curriculum raised and other requirements met which put Clarke on the standard list of Junior Colleges. The service that this noble couple has rendered at the institution cannot be estimated, and their names have been indelibly engraved upon the lives of many young men and women whose lives were touched by them.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin will move to Picayune at an early date where he becomes pastor of the Baptist church and many friends here wish them well in their new field.

The New President

The trustees and general public feel very fortunate in being able to secure the services of one so eminently qualified as Dr. W. T. Lowrey to succeed Dr. McLaurin, and that the college will continue to go forward under his administration, if the people co-operate.

Mississippi College at Clinton offered Dr. Lowrey a position also, but the presidency of Clarke Memorial made a special appeal to him.

Dr. Lowrey has devoted 40 years of his life to the educational progress of Mississippi. His life is intimately connected with the history of Mississippi College and Hillman College at Clinton, and Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain. A nephew, Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, is president of Blue Mountain College; while another nephew, Dr. Roswell G. Lowrey, is dean of that institution. President M. P. Lowrey Berry of Hillman, is a nephew. Dr. Lowrey's sister, affectionally known as "Mother" Berry to hundreds of Blue Mountain girls, has been principal of Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain. Miss Sara Lowrey, a daughter of Clarke Memorial's new president, is head of the department of speech at Baylor University in Texas.

CLARKE SUMMER SCHOOL

Newton Record -

August 24th, 1933

Clarke Memorial College

Session Opens Tuesday, September 5th

1. Clarke Memorial College is a STANDARD Junior College that has rendered twenty-five years of superior service, has a plant of fifteen buildings and a farm of 200 acres.

2. The College is accredited by the Junior College Academic Commission and is a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

3. The qualifications and ratings of the faculty of Clarke Memorial College compare favorably with those of the faculties of senior colleges anywhere.

4. There are more than 800 former graduates of Clarke College making good throughout the entire United States, and they all attest to the worth of Clarke Memorial College.

5. Clarke Memorial College is the least expensive college in the State for students in counties not supporting a Junior College.

6. The savings during two years at Clarke College will pay practically the third year's expense in a senior College.

7. Students will not be crowded into the dormitories and class rooms, and each will receive the personal attention and assistance of the instructors in any of life's problems which he faces.

8. The demoralization attendant upon entrance to some freshman classes will be avoided at Clarke College.

9. The social and moral atmosphere of the town of Newton is ideal and the citizenship cooperates in making the stay of students at Clarke College as pleasant and profitable as possible.

10. The churches of Newton "throw their arms around" Clarke College students and see that their spiritual lives are not neglected.

11. Wholesome athletics is stressed at Clarke College, to the help rather than to the injury of moral educational interests.

12. The College dormitories are operated on a home-like basis which makes for quiet, study and proper rest, and moral protection and development for students.

13. Expenses at Clarke Memorial College are: \$10 per month for board, \$5 for tuition and \$14 for all other fees, making a total expense for the nine-months' session of only \$149.

14. The boy and the girl can be sent together to Clarke College, or the family can move here for the session and send all the children to the same school, which will not only save money but will preserve family ties as well.

15. We, the business and professional men and Firms of Newton and vicinity, endorse Clarke College as a safe and efficient institution for the education of boys and girls and recommend it to parents who want their boys and girls to have parental care while they are away at school.

16. We cordially solicit patronage for Clarke College and extend a most hearty welcome to students and patrons who come here. We congratulate the college upon its twenty-five years of faithful and efficient service.

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CITY BARBER SHOP

CLARKE COLLEGE CHANGES PRESIDENTS THIS WEEK

Announcement is made to-day that Dr. H. T. McLaurin, who has been president of Clarke College for the last six years has resigned. He announces that he is resigning to accept the call as pastor of the First Baptist church of Picayune and will move there at an early date.

The Board of Trustees announce the election of Dr. W. T. Lowrey, well-known school man and minister of Mississippi, to the presidency of the institution.

Dr. Lowrey has formerly served terms as president of Mississippi College and of Blue Mountain College and comes with a thorough knowledge of college work and no doubt the local college will continue to grow and develop under his leadership.

CLARKE SUMMER SCHOOL AND NORMAL OPENS JUNE 3

Dr. H. T. McLaurin, retiring president of Clarke College, makes the following announcement with reference to the Summer School and Normal work at the college this summer: For several years Clarke College has had one of the best Normals and Summer Schools in the state. Those who have attended have been delighted with the high plane of work that has been offered by the administration.

Both college and high school credit will be offered, in addition to the normal work. Credit toward graduation at Clarke College will be allowed for primary work done in the normal under the capable direction of Miss Holt.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey, the newly elected president, one of the foremost educators in the state, will have charge of the Summer School, with Prof. J. G. Bridges, the efficient Superintendent of Newton Public Schools, as local director of the Normal. These able men in charge of the Summer School and Normal, and many capable instructors should be sufficient guarantee that efficient work will be done at Clarke College again this summer.

MEMPHIS, TENN., FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 11, 1949



MIDNIGHT OIL—Percy L. Williams of Meridian studies under the supervision of daughters Betty Jean (left) and Patricia Ann. Mrs. Williams sews as her contribution toward a college degree for her husband.



G.I. 'RIDGE'—Shown here is a section of the 17 homes which veterans occupy while attending Clarke Memorial College.



GOING UP—S. W. Holder of Laurel, Miss., superintendent of construction (left foreground), and Dr. Eugene I. Farr, administrative assistant to the president at Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Miss., inspect work on the \$55,000 dining hall being built.

Small, Mighty Clarke College Marches On And Up With Years

By A. G. WEEMS
Staff Correspondent

NEWTON, Miss., Feb. 10.—It's all very confusing. You see, Newton is in Newton County—as it should be—but it so happens Decatur is the county seat. And, on top of that, this story is to be about Clarke Memorial College, which—if geography means anything—should be situated in Clarke County. Shouldn't it?

Well, it isn't. So what?

So, it's all very confusing, but it makes a good yarn.

Unless you are a Baptist or, at one time or another have lived hereabouts, you've probably never heard of Clarke College and that's understandable. It's a small school, as such schools go, and it doesn't do a great deal of bragging.

President Aide Helps

The school's president, Dr. W. E. Greene, was away when I dropped in, but his administrative assistant, Dr. Eugene Farr, took me in hand. Dr. Farr spent 18 months in Europe as a chaplain with General Patton's Third Army and saw plenty of action. In addition to his regular duties at the school, he is pastor of the Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Meridian, about 30 miles away.

In the first place, this school was established in 1906. It was named for the Rev. M. L. Clarke, who was for more than 50 years a leading pastor in this area.

In actual operation for about 40 years, this little denominational institution—which is actually nothing more than a junior college with a secondary department—has grown and flowered.

I have traveled United States 80 between Meridian and Jackson hundreds of times in the past 20 years, and until now I didn't know tiny Clarke College existed. But it became a flower on that route—a flower to be admired for its stamina if not its external beauty, for the many things that make of unusual and for its hopes and dreams.

The so-called Secondary Department is really a high school, to which persons 18 years of age or over are admitted, the only such adult institution in Mississippi. So far this year, Dr. Farr explained, 389 students have registered and at the present time about 315 are enrolled. Approximately 20 per cent of these are former G.I.s, and many of them are paying their way through by preaching "on the side" in nearby community churches, and by working at campus jobs.

'Not The Best Way'

"It's not the best way to get a ministerial education," Dr. Farr said, "but it beats no education at all."

Books in the dean's office show that about three-fourths of the graduates go on to senior college, and of those enrolled at least 45 per cent are studying for the ministry, 25 per cent are preparing for some form of Christian service and the remainder are attending as laymen.

Clarke is co-educational and the student body is divided into about

60 per cent men and 40 per cent women with wives of many of the male students taking regular courses of study. At present, a \$55,000 dining hall and student activities building is under construction and when it is completed the old dining hall in the basement of the boys' dormitory will be turned into a nursery for preschool-age children of the adult students. And none too soon!

Of a campus population of approximately 551, there are 140 children. Of these, about 70 are of school age and attend the Newton Consolidated School. Many among the other 70 need looking after while their parents are attending college classes.

"Why, it takes two full-time teachers at the Newton school," Dr. Farr said, "to take care of the children of the students we have out here."

At present there are only three main buildings on the campus—a huge frame dormitory for boys, a more modern brick dormitory for girls and the central administration building. Future plans call for the erection of a new building for girl students and the moving of the boys into the dormitory occupied by women students.

But those plans haven't even reached the paper stage yet and, meanwhile, there's been a housing problem. How was that solved?

Housing Springs Up

Well, only five years ago, there were only nine houses available for students on the campus. Today, 76 houses and apartments have sprung up to provide shelter for the men and women and their families, and there's no such thing as rent. Most of the homes were given to the school by individual churches and friends of the church from all sections of Mississippi, and "rent," as most of us know it, is called "maintenance" and that amounts only to \$6 to \$15 a month, depending upon the size of the unit. Practically all construction has been done by student labor.

Take, for instance, the house in which Percy Williams, his wife and two small children live. Percy was a carpenter at Meridian. He was a religious man—there's no doubt of that—and he wished to help, but he didn't think he wanted to become a minister. So Percy brought building materials to the campus, and he came with a crew and built a house in which some student could live while learning. That

gift eased Percy's conscience a while. He'd done his share—thought. The next year, however, Percy Williams discovered he hadn't given enough, so he gave himself.

And today he is studying for the ministry at Clarke College and he, his wife and their two small children, Betty Jean and Patricia Ann, are living on this campus—in the very same house that Percy built for someone else!

Only recently, Alex Taylor of Louisville—the fellow who invented that machine they call "the logger's dream"—presented the school with a farm of 96 acres, increasing the size of the campus to 240. A Grade-A barn is going up and the college is maintaining a herd of cattle, 13 of which are being milked. John T. Carter, who received his master's degree from the University of Tennessee last Summer, is agriculturist.

I said this place is unusual and I intend to prove it.

There are, for instance, four doctors on the campus. In addition to Dr. Greene and Dr. Farr, they are Dr. E. R. Pinson, a native of Tennessee who heads the Bible Department, and Dr. O. P. Moore, director of public relations. And, with only 25 members on the faculty and staff, that's a goodly percentage.

Tuition for a single student is only \$316—board and all—and the board of \$5 a week hasn't been raised in three years.

The school almost died during depression," Dr. Farr said, "we pulled out somehow and things are looking good."

Graduate With Special Honors



Mary Ann Edwards, Newton, and John Wayne Carter, Birmingham, Ala., graduated from Clarke College with Special Honors.

Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edwards, Rt. 2, Newton, made a 2.83 score which is an enviable record. The local student aspires to major in education. Recently Mary Ann scored a hit in the sophomore play production. During her college years she continued to be active in her church, the Poplar Springs Baptist, where she serves as pianist and youth director.

Wayne Carter, son of Dr. and Mrs. John T. Carter of Birmingham, Ala., is the grandson of Dr.

and Mrs. John F. Carter of Newton. He made a 3.0 record during his two years, the highest rating possible. He held many positions of leadership and responsibility while on campus.

Other students graduating with honors were: Sue Jones, Andalusia, Ala.; Bonita, Lewis Florence; Thomas Traxler, Noxapater; Patricia McDill, Union; Ernest Hill, Jr. Sardis; Warren Humiston, Grafton, Ill.; Patrick Callagan, Grafton, Ill.; Judy Lewis, Morton; Danny Ray Jones, Germantown, Ky.; Elizabeth Walker, Crystal Springs, and Tommy Fant, Laurel.

Steve Mooneyham is serving as minister of music and youth at Oak Grove Church in Prentiss. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rice of Calhoun City, he is a Bible major at Clarke College and plans to attend Mississippi College next year.



Mooneyham

Yesterday In Newton

by Nancy H. Milliams

CLARKE COLLEGE SONG

We recently asked Dr. Gray Garner, dean of academic affairs at Clarke, about the current Clarke song, and we understood him to say there was not a school song at this time, so far as he knows. As we said earlier, we received the following one from an anonymous donor. It was adopted Sept. 22, 1930 and was to be sung to the tune of the "Stein Song." A drinking song at Clarke?

Fill the halls of Dear Old Clarke...
Shout till the rafters Ring!
Stand and sing a song, once again;
Let every loyal Clarke-man Sing!
We'll sing to all the happy days;
Sing to our God and His ways;
Sing to Clarke, our Alma Mater.
The College of our hearts, always!
To the trees; to the sky;
To the hills that are yet encamping
us;
To the youth; to the joys;
To Life that is moving and calling us;
To the girls; to the boys;
To the teachers that guide our
destinies;
To the Maroon and White;
And, the Panther teams that Fight!

REFRAIN

Yes; fill the halls of Dear Old
Clarke--
Shout till the rafters ring!
Stand and sing a song once again;
Let every loyal Clarke - man sing!
We'll sing to all the happy days;
Sing to our God and His ways;
Sing to Clarke, our Alma Mater;
The college of our hearts, always!

CLARKE POEMS

When the Rev. J.H. Bethune lent us the 1925-26 Clarke annuals which belonged to his father, he also lent us a small book of poetry which was published at Clarke Memorial College in 1927. The poems were written "as part of their prescribed course in English."

Some of the poems are sad and some are exuberant. The following is a sad and touching poem reminiscent of country music song lyrics:

I'M MISSING YOU

I cannot find the sunshine
Since you went away;
The lonely hours are dragging;
Skies are dull and gray.

And all the while I wonder
Just how long you'll stay,
And pray for your returning
Waiting day by day.

The day you went the sunshine,
In silence, followed you.
The laughing skies have clouded,
Hiding all their blue.

The birds no more are singing
As they would want to do;
The stars no more are shining
They seem to miss you too.

Charles G. Gates

The Newton Culture Club recently had a most interesting program with "international hospitality" for a theme; however, some good source material was missed when the following student poem was not used during the afternoon. The poem is also a good argument for continuing the study of foreign languages in the schools.

A STRANGE LAND

I left my home beyond the sea
And sailed the ocean blue.
I landed where I had not friends

Nor comrades good and true.
My brain was filled with unknown
words,
Which sorely baffled me.
I could not understand the tongue
Of the land beyond the sea.

It was through frantic motions made
I let my wants be known
With nods and becks my homage
paid
To people not my own.

At length I found a friendly man
Who sang my native song.
I clasped him by his outstretched
hand.
He cheered my heart along.

A score of years have quickly passed.
I've gone from place to place,
But ne'er a sight has cheered me so
As this man's friendly face.

Vardaman Flynt

In somewhat the same vein, but
closer to home and every day
contacts, we noted the following
poem by the Rev. Mr. Bethune's
father:

FRIENDS

Of all the wealth that God has sent
To man upon this earth,
There's naught that brings such
sweet content
As friends of proven worth.

It's those who meet you with a smile,
And take you by the hand.
They go with you the last long mile;
Somehow, they understand.
It's those who face the crowds for
you,
And gladly take your part.
When you have failed and feel so
blue.
They soothe your broken heart.

A heap of gold is very nice
For you to have or spend,
But gold can never set the price
Or value of a friend.

It's friends that make this life worth-
while;
They may be rich or poor,
But they will go the last long mile
That leads to heaven's door.

Harold H. Bethune

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CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY TUESDAY

"The Golden Purpose" Is Pageant Theme For Program Tuesday Night

The celebration of the Golden Anniversary of Clarke Memorial College will get underway with a convocation at 3 p. m. September 30 in Cockrell Gymnasium, according to the Rev. W. L. Compere, president of the college. Principal speaker will be Dr. Orin Cornett of Nashville, Tenn., eminent worker in the Southern Baptist Church.

Special recognition will be given to living members of the first board of trustees, members of the original faculty and student body, former presidents and teachers with their families.

At 5 p. m. the Newton Chamber of Commerce will be host to a barbecued chicken supper for all visitors and all college personnel. The supper is planned for an al fresco affair.

Golden Purpose Pageant

"THE GOLDEN PURPOSE" is the title of a pageant which will climax the celebration on Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Cockrell Gymnasium. Approximately 75 persons will take part in this production, which is under the able direction of Mrs. W. L. Compere.

The pageant is designed to depict in song and story the history of the college—its struggles and hardships; its joys and triumphs. Numerous scenes will portray actual incidents taken from the lives of faculty members of days gone by as well as of the present—some humorous, some full of pathos, but all showing the Golden Purpose which has been uppermost in the minds and hearts of those who have been connected with the school throughout its 50-year history.

The Rev. Bryce Evans, of the Speech Department, will be the narrator. He will be assisted by a speech choir in introducing the various episodes and scenes.

The college choir, under the direction of Prof. Lander G.

Kee, throughout the program will render choral numbers in keeping with the theme. There also will be solos by students from the Voice Department. Mrs. Frances Townsend, organist, will accompany all the musical numbers.

One of the most interesting features of the program will be the presentation of several numbers by one of the original Clarke College quartets, composed of J. T. Smith, Louisville, the Rev. Troy Prince, Meridian, the Rev. W. N. Hegwood, Raleigh, and Dr. Levon Moore, Laurel.

The Mt. Pisgah Association, where the college was born, will be represented by Thomas Ayo, Staley Langham, Bob Neal, Grady Crowell, John Thompson, Wesley Nicholass, Loyd Thornton, Hoyt Steadman, and Byron Stringer.

Other speaking parts will be taken by the following in the order of their appearance: Dennis Hale, John Duke, Truett Golman, Sonja Slater, Barbara Vaughan, George Harper, Joe Ashley, Bill Wilkerson, Mildred Hutchinson, Bruce Bryant, Dina Evans, Betty Seale, Prof. Glenn Eaves, and Pres. W. L. Compere.

The following students make up the speech choir: Geraldine Sheehan, Edna Clay, Delores Sumner, Jane Spencer, Fay Chappell, Helen Russell, Warner Blackburn, Johnny Rush, Ray Ming, Ken Roper, and Ralph Harrelson.

Those comprising the Clarke

College Choir are: Janie Beard, Marie Benefield, Regina Brown, Harold Bryant, Douglas Chatnam, Jo An Curran, Tommie Davis, John Duke, Isaac Emerson, Bethea Fielding, Dennis Hale, Yvonne Hammond, Hinton Hardin, Ernest Hill, Willie Howard, Mildred Hutchinson, June Jacobs, Shirley Jones, Elmer Lowery, Ruth Magness, Marcia McGaugh, Ann Mitchell, Donald Moore, Ina Patterson, Bobby Perkins, Barbara Reeves, Bonnie Rogers, Wade Sculley, Betty Seale, Frances Shaw, Sonja Slater, John Smith, Lavelle Smith, Pauline Tarver, Barbara Vaughn, Barbara Weeks, and Edward Whitten.

Authentic costumes, together with lighting effects and scenery, will add much to the program, which will be presented as follows: Prologue—"From Whence Cometh My Help"; Episode I—The School is Established; Episode II—The Early Years; Episode III—Hardships—Prelude to Triumph; Episode IV—Recovery and Expansion; Conclusion.

The public is cordially invited to attend this pageant at 7:30 p. m. in the Cockrell Gymnasium on the college campus.

Mississippian Tom Cox was elected president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists at the recent Southern Baptist Convention. Cox was ordained by Corinth Church, Nicholson. He attended Clarke College, Newton.



Cox

1953

Ephesus Church, Scott County, honored **Kenneth Jones** and his wife on their 25th anniversary at Ephesus Church. Jones served his first pastorate at Ephesus Church from 1955-60. He has been at Ephesus Church for a total of 30 years. He also served as pastor at Hebron Church, Meridian, Calvary, Vicksburg, and New Ireland, Union.

1958

Rudolph E. Paine, Vicksburg minister, dies of heart attack

Rudolph E. Paine, 68, a Baptist minister and founding pastor of Southside Church and Christian School, Vicksburg, died of a heart attack July 31. Funeral service was held Aug. 3.

A native and lifelong resident of Vicksburg, he attended Clarke College and Mississippi College, where he received the bachelor of arts degree with a double major in Bible and physics. He also received the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Paine is survived by his wife Doris Blount Paine of Vicksburg; daughters, Charlotte Couth and Vickey White, both of Vicksburg; three grandchildren; brother Joseph O. Paine of Natchez; sisters Grace Wunsch of Baton Rouge, La., Hattie Ryan of Zaneville, Ohio, Janie Metzen of Vicksburg, Katherine Nichols of Olive Branch, and Mary Baland of Amarillo, Texas; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Linda and Jim Meadows will be honored July 9 by Long Creek Church, Meridian, in recognition of his 30th year as pastor of the church. Special services under the theme "Thirty years of leadership, loyalty, and love," will begin at 10 a.m. Albert Creel, who was called to preach under Meadows' ministry, will preach the 11:30 a.m. sermon. A lunch will follow that service; at 2 p.m. the Ridgeways will perform; a 3 p.m. tea will be held in the fellowship hall. Meadows began his ministry in Muscle Shoals, Ala. He attended Clarke College, and pastored Hills Chapel Church in Huntsville, Ala., prior to going to Long Creek.

1963

1995

Clarke College Enthusiastic Now, Great Anticipation For The Future

Clarke College, The Mississippi Baptist Junior College, located in Newton, is a liberal arts junior college with a sixty-five-year history, an enthusiasm for the present, and anticipation of the future.

The serenity of the campus setting, on a wooded hill area not far from downtown Newton, hardly prepares the casual observer for the variety of life and activity at Clarke. Students from all over the United States, including Alaska, New York, and Illinois, as well as those who come from Mississippi and neighboring states, join young people from Japan, Ecuador, Gaza and Palestine in this year's student body. Cultures meet and learning experiences take place.

One young foreign student, when introduced to the American staple, the hot dog, commented, "In my country many people are poor, but we DO NOT eat dogs!" Another student, away from home for the first time, said, "I'm not half as frightened of going to college as I thought I'd be. This is sort of like a great, big family."

Emphasis On Individual

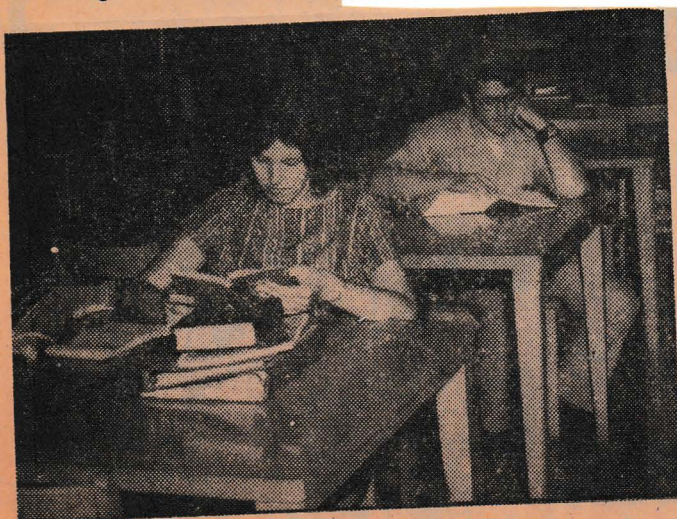
The emphasis at Clarke College is placed on the potential of each individual student. Classes are deliberately kept small so that the opportunity for participation and learning is at a maximum. Students who need special assistance are able to secure it through a faculty member who is trained in educational techniques designed to help the slower or temporarily baffled student. Those who grasp material quickly are also aided as they are challenged by innovative classroom situations wherein they are made responsible not only for their grade, which they pre-determine by deciding the amount of work they wish to do, but for the actual content of the semester's work.

An individual project, in a science class, must be prepared so that the student can then "teach" what he has discovered to his classmates. His research is done under the guidance of a teacher who motivates him and allows him sufficient leeway in his choice of research material that, according to one faculty member, "He can't fool himself. He gets so interested in the subject that he naturally learns a lot more than I could ever have taught him the traditional method!"

Study Program

A very popular facet of the curriculum at Clarke College has been the Independent Study Program, designed and implemented by Clarke's academic dean, Victor Vaughn. According to Vaughn, the ISP is geared to a student who can't fit a particular subject into his daily schedule, but does have time either earlier or later in the day to pursue the material. It is also a valuable tool for a part-time student who cannot come to the campus at regularly designated times. Under the direction of Vaughn, several Clarke faculty members are now directing Independent Study Programs in the areas of English, Social Sciences, Psychology and History.

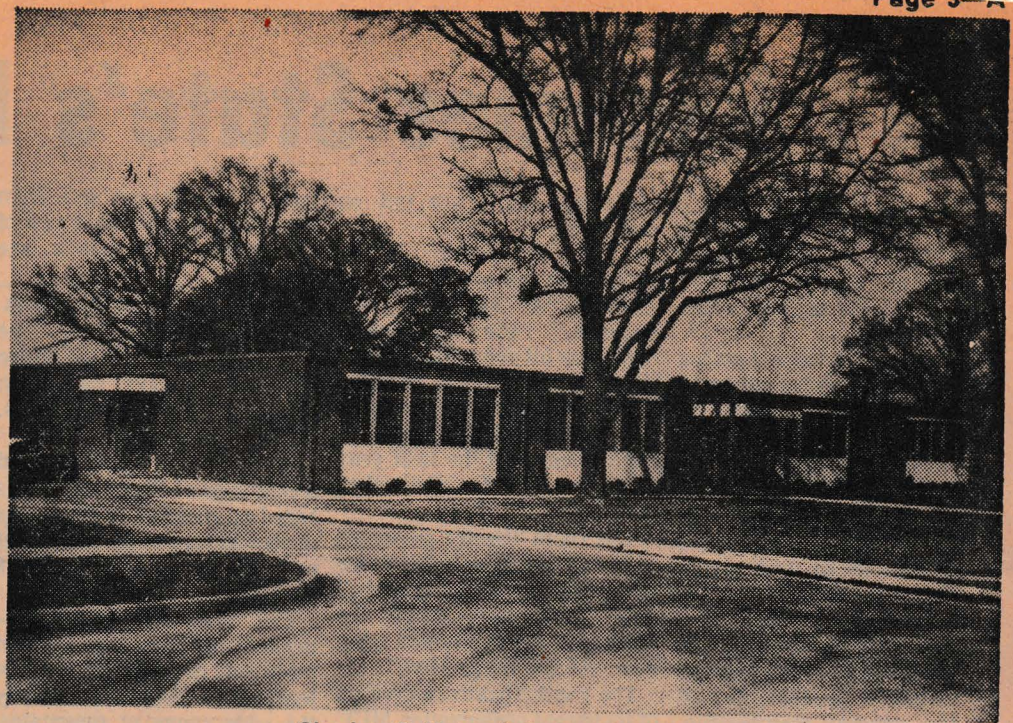
Life at The Mississippi Baptist Junior College is not all research papers and study programs! The Lott Fine Arts Building on the Newton campus is the scene of many campus and community cultural events, enhancing and enriching life



Students Study In Sanders Library



Dr. W. L. Compere



Clarke College Science Building

both on the part of the college and the city of Newton. Fine Arts Festival, displays of various crafts, musical presentations and dramas center in this beautiful facility.

A full program of intramural and conference sports is carried on at Clarke College. Football is an intramural activity, and basketball, with the Clarke College Panthers, includes annual play in the Deep South Conference. Exercise classes and basketball teams for both men and women add to the physical well-being of the general student body.

Through the years of its contribution to the total educational structure of Mississippi, Clarke College has placed a portion of its emphasis on the basic educational training for church-related vocations. Of the three hundred thirty-six cumulative enrollment in the academic year 1971-72, approximately one-third of the students were interested in pursuing some form of ministry. These included the pulpit ministry, religious education and music ministry and various forms of related activities such as missionaries and teachers in church-related schools.

The contribution of years past has been significant and is pointed up by the fact that of the eleven Southern Baptist Junior Colleges, Clarke College, by no means the largest in enrollment, has the largest number of former students now serving as foreign missionaries under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

Academic work

Academic work is offered at Clarke College in almost every major field, and students indicate a wide range of vocational ambitions including the fields of education and medicine, social services and business.

Meridian high school students often look to Clarke College for their first college experience, and each semester finds eight or ten in residence on the campus. Many have commented, "It's just far enough away from home!"

Entering his nineteenth year of guiding Clarke College is President William Lowrey Compere. Dr. Compere came to the presidency from membership on the Board of Trustees and has charted a course for the college through the sometimes turbulent years of the late fifties, sixties and early seventies. He has continued steadfastly in his belief that there is room in education for both public and private colleges, and that Clarke College has a definite and significant role to play in the total picture.

The Compere home, on the Newton campus, is often the scene of "family" gatherings as the gracious first lady, Jacqueline Senter Compere, makes welcome faculty, staff

and students.

Dr. and Mrs. Compere have often been in Meridian churches, speaking and leading conferences. Sought as a guest preacher, Dr. Compere also serves from time to time as interim pastorate needs arise in the Meridian area.

Meridian Trustees

When asked about the obvious enthusiasm he exhibits over his sometimes quite difficult position, President Compere responds: "Well, of course, I have a marvelous Board of Trustees to turn to whenever I need help or advice." Two of these fine men are Meridian residents: Dr. M. L. Flynt, physician, and C. D. Shields,

president of Bankers Trust Savings and Loan. Both men participate regularly in trustee activities, lending both their influence and resources to the future development of Clarke College.

A faculty member just recently musing about the history of Clarke College, commented, "Wonder what the founders of the college would say if we could wake them up and let them see what's happened here?" Another faculty member, sitting nearby confidently responded: "I'm sure they would say, 'Well done! M'"



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Clarke psychology students tour facilities

The Clarke College psychology students recently went on a field trip to Charter Hospital Adolescent Unit located in Jackson and the Hudspeth Retardation Center, the Rankin County Correctional Facility, and the Mississippi State Psychiatric Hospital at Whitfield. Dr. Jeannette Murphey, the psychology instructor at Clarke, Mrs. Juan Williams, Steve Renfrow, and Mrs. Liddia Hughes served as chaperones for the trip.

The group was given a guided tour of the Adolescent Unit at Charter Hospital by Ms Glenda Glover and then participated in a question and answer session with Ms Sandra Hobby. At the Hudspeth Retardation Center, the students were guided on a walking tour of the facility for the severely/profoundly handicapped by Ms Sebrenia Croom; the students visited the Rosewood Dormitory for non-ambulatory residents; the Noblin School, which provides educational experiences for ages six to 21; the Variation center for vocational training; and the Early Intervention Program which provides out-patient services for the preschool handicapped.

The students also toured the Rankin County Correctional Facility for the women prisoners in the state. The students were led in small groups on a walking tour of the grounds and the prisoners' living quarters by Sgt. Morris. The group also watched training sessions for the new prison guards for Rankin County and Parchman. At the Mississippi State Hospital the group toured the Forensic (Maximum Security) Unit, viewed a video presentation of the history of the psychiatric hospital, and then went on a riding tour of the grounds, including the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center, various nursing homes, dormitories for the chronically mentally ill, the center for horticulture therapy, and recreational facilities, such as the new campground.

Thursday, April 26, 1979

Clarke To Honor Carters

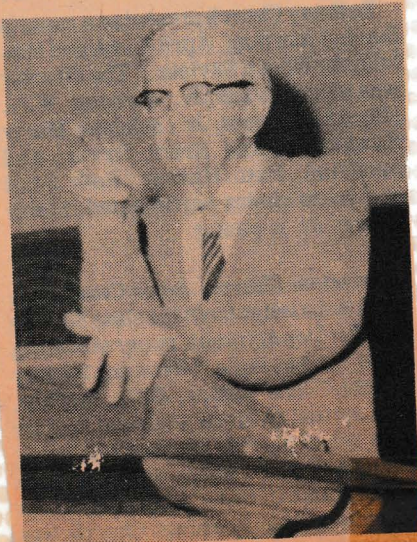
A. C. Johnson, acting president of Clarke College, has announced that John F. and Mattie Carter Day will be held on May 25. Carter, longtime professor of Bible at Clarke, is now in his 91st year and he and Mrs. Carter have lived in Newton following his retirement. He is still active in preaching and serving in the Newton area.

"During his 40 years of service with the college, Dr. Carter has influenced the lives of hundreds of men and women and has been instrumental in encouraging young men training for the ministry," said Johnson.

The Carters' two sons, John Carter and Henry Carter, and their wives, have established a scholarship in their parents' honor. The scholarship is given each year to a freshman ministerial student.

Johnson said, "Dr. Carter retired from teaching two years ago after many years in the classroom, and during that span of time touched the lives of countless hundreds of people with his wonderful Christian testimony, both in and out of the classroom. It seems fitting and proper to honor this great Christian man and his devoted wife and to recognize them for their contributions to so many lives along the way."

Invitations to participate in this event have been mailed to a wide cross-section of people. Anyone not receiving an invitation, but desiring to join in the event may contact A. C. Johnson at Clarke College.



John F. Carter

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THE MERIDIAN STAR

1979
Wednesday, April 18,

'Carter Day' Scheduled



JOHN F. CARTER

NEWTON — Dr. and Mrs. John F. Carter will be honored with a special "John F. and Mattie Carter Day" on May 25, according to Dr. A. C. Johnson, acting president of Clarke College.

The 91-year-old Carter, a long-time Bible professor at Clarke, and his wife have lived in Newton since his retirement. He is still active in preaching in the Newton area.

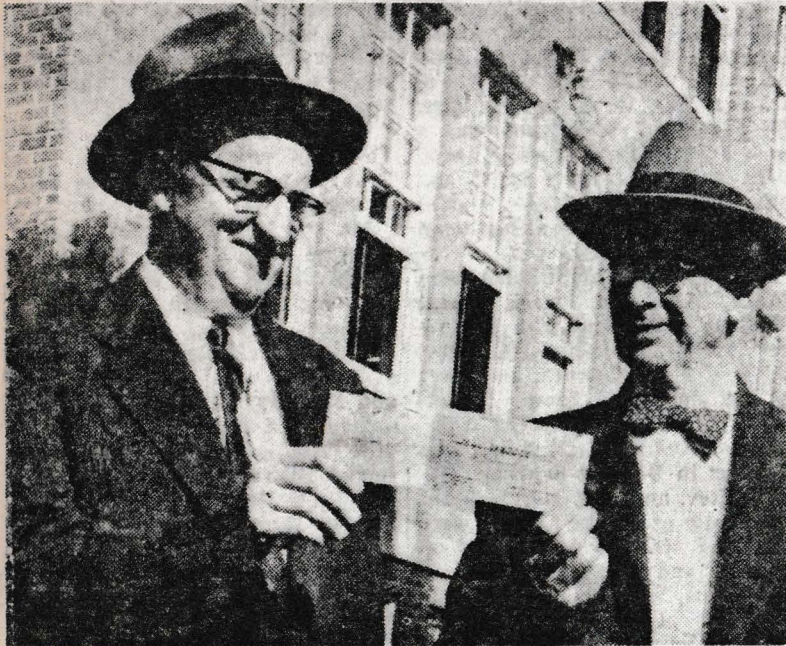
Invitations to the event honoring the Carters have been mailed. Anyone not receiving an invitation, but desiring to join in the event, is asked to call or see Dr. A. C. Johnson at Clarke College.

JOHN F. & MATTIE

CARTER

DAY

Clarke College Receives \$40,000 Check



Dr. John F. Carter, dean and acting President of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, and A. H. Miller, business manager of the College, are pictured above, right and left respectively, holding the check for \$40,000.00 granted the College as its share of the Baptist Cooperative Program receipts. This amount was designated for the

operating and capital needs budget of the institution in the announcement made by Dr. Chester L. Quarles of Jackson, state Baptist executive secretary-treasurer, in his report last week. Dr. Carter's and Mr. Miller's faces reflect the pleasure they had in accepting the check.



CLARKE COLLEGE

May 25, 1979

7:00 P. M.

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Tribute to Mrs. Carter - "Sharing in Love and Service"-
Mrs. J. Clifford Watson
Tributes to Dr. Carter:
The Teacher - - - - - Rev. David Perry
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Clarke Group Prepares Cookbook

Members of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship at Clarke College have compiled a CLARKE COOKBOOK with recipes collected from administration, faculty, staff, and student wives. The obvious reason is to share favorite "tried and true" recipes. The other purpose is to secure donations for the Summer Student Missions fund at Clarke. A goal of \$2200 has been set by the Baptist Student Union with over half the amount already having been secured. The gifts that are given as cookbook donations will help to reach the goal. A minimum gift of five dollars has been suggested. Information about securing cookbooks can be had by contacting BSU Director J. B. Costilow or MWF Advisor Jean Jacobs. Left to right are Carolyn Smith, Ruth Bailey, Cheryl Jones, Renee Ward, Jill England, Judy McCord, Aleathea Puryear.

Sept 25, 1974

Clarke Professor Selected To Who's Who In Religion

Dr. John F. Carter, Bible scholar, and long time professor at Clarke College, has had honors added to honors.

The most recent one is a notice that he has been selected to



DR. JOHN CARTER

appear in a new Who's Who in Religion to be published for the first time in 1974, by Marquis Who's Who, Inc.

Dr. Carter was included in the 1970 publication of Personalities of the South released by American Biographical Institute. Born at Cherry Creek, Mississippi, Dr. Carter now resides at 604 Seaman in Newton. His education includes the A. B. degree from Mississippi College, M. A., Mercer University, Th. M. and Th. D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Ph.D. from Duquesne University.

Dr. and Mrs. Carter, the former Mattie Mae George, have two sons, Dr. John Thomas Carter, professor at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. and Dr. Henry Sproles Carter, physician at Deridder, La. Dr. John Thomas Carter and his wife, Dr. Frances Tunnell Carter, both are also listed in the 1970 edition of Personalities of the South.

Dr. John F. Carter has served

as pastor of churches in Texas, Tennessee, and Mississippi. His major career has been as professor of Bible in Baptist College. In teaching in the Mississippi. His major career has been as professor of Bible in Baptists Colleges. In addition to his many years of teaching in the Mississippi Baptist Junior College, he has served three years as Dean of the college and four years as President. He also served four years as Dean of Clear Creek Mountain Branch through first Bible School.

Dr. Carter has authored several books of which the best known are "A Layman's Harmony of the Gospels" and "A Layman's Manual of Christian Doctrines."

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THIS IS NEWTON COUNTY

Thursday, February 21, 1974

Clarke Baptist Junior College Boasts Of Some 'Facelifting'

NEWTON — President and Mrs. Compere reflect the pleasure guests are feeling in increased attractiveness of the setting for meals served in Clarke's cafeteria. Cafeteria Manager John Holifield in a brief interview concerning the dining atmosphere, expressed high commendation for current student-body attitudes.

In response to observations concerning his attention to seasonal decorations, Holifield said, "I feel that attractiveness in service is important in providing nutrition for students during their college days, as well as good food."

Improvement in the cafeteria area is typical of activities under way at many points on the Clarke College campus, adding to the comfort, appearance and functioning quality of the college physical equipment.

Interior of the Men's Residence Hall is getting an overall "face-lifting" and workroom dimensions in the Administration Building are being expanded with provisions made for heating and cooling this activity center where reams of

mineographed, photo-copied and other forms of duplicated materials are produced. These include promotion releases, teaching plans, and correspondence posted to Clarke's friends and interested acquaintances at nearby and far-away destinations. Periodically — "under tight security" — instructors' tests and exams originate in the much used work room!

Those who serve in the

Maintenance Department and those who work as secretaries, receptionists, bookkeepers, assistants ... all render vital and inestimable service toward providing high standards for life on Clarke's campus.

Clarke College, a Baptist-supported junior college facility, is located in Newton and boasts of a compact — yet beautiful — campus on old Highway 80 leading toward Jackson.

Clarke Beauties Selected

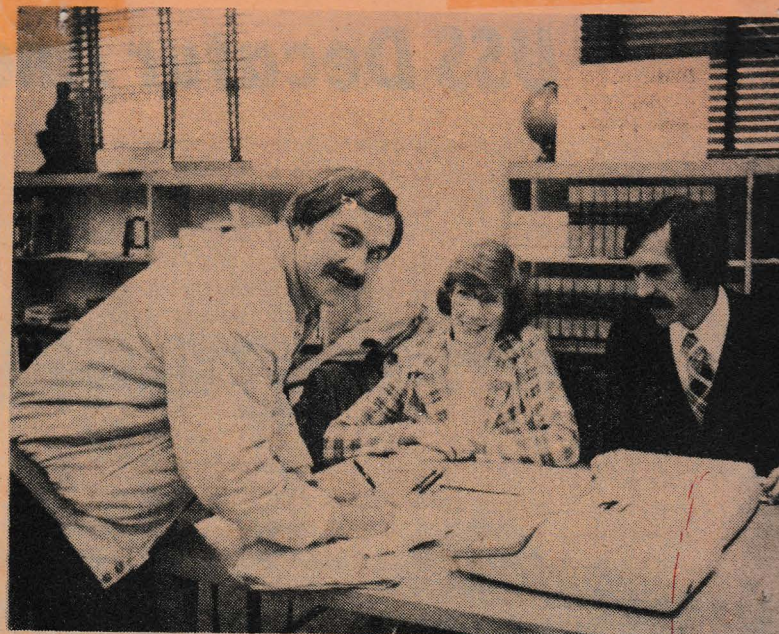
As the theme "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" unfolded during the Clarke College annual Beauty Pageant, thirteen Clarke coeds appeared before the judges — David Andrews, Judy Andrews and Bobbie Hearn, all of Meridian, and an appreciative audience. Following group presentation of the theme, each girl was escorted on stage by one of the Clarke "Beaus", male students selected by student vote. The contestants appeared in sportswear, in evening wear, and in talent competition. Special entertainment was presented by a combo composed of students, by former Clarke student Frank Nix of Morton, and by the 1978 "Most Beautiful" at Clarke, Dianne Barnes of Forest.

Clark Adams of the music faculty was Master of Ceremonies and Academic Dean Gary Garner crowed crowned the "Most Beautiful" assisted by Miss Barnes.

Selected "Most Beautiful" for 1978-79 was Cathy Black of Jackson. First alternate was Mary Greene of Prentiss, who was also voted "Most Congenial" by all the contestants. Annice Houston of Brandon was second alternate with Deborah Lee of Enterprise being third alternate. Fourth alternate was Robin Polk of Prentiss who is also the Student Body Association President.

Announced at the Pageant were the "Beaus" who were chosen "Most Handsome" by the student body. Don Pratt of Jasper, Ala., was selected "Most Handsome" with alternates being Paul Stupka of Bentonina, Mitch Suterland of Jackson, Gary Brom of Jasper, Ala., and Donnie Dixon of Moss Point.

Winners in the Pageant will be featured in the 1978-79 Clarke Yearbook, Traces.



New Semester Begins At Clarke

New Clarke College student Barry Ward (left) is assisted in completing registration procedures by Larry Gressett (right), Dean of Student Services, and Mrs. Donna Gibbon (center) secretary, as he enrolls for the Spring Semester at Clarke. Ward, a freshman ministerial student, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Ward of Flora, and is transferring from a college in

Arizona. Mr. Ward's wife, Rene, is a graduate of Hinds Junior College, working as bookkeeper at Clarke. They are the parents of a small child.

The Spring Semester registration shows a net increase over enrollment in the fall. Class work began on regular schedule Tuesday, Jan. 9, with registration open through Jan. 24.

Two six-week night courses of interest to adults will begin Monday, Jan. 15, and continue through February 19. These courses are "Basic Floral Design" and "Preparation of Personal Income Tax", both beginning at 7 p.m. each week. A course entitled "Drug Workshop" will be held Thursday nights from 6-8:45 p.m. each week during the semester and carry three semester hours of credit.

Interested persons are asked to call Director of Admissions Alvin Parnell, 683-2061, for additional information.

Clarke Presents Great Decisions Series

Clarke College is pleased to announce that the Great Decision '79 series of discussions will be offered at the college beginning on Monday night, Feb. 26. The series, to be held in the Sanders Memorial Library on the campus will meet from 7-9 each Monday night for ten weeks.

Great Decisions, now in the 25th year, is a national program that, with minimum time and effort, gives Americans of all ages and backgrounds the chance to learn and understand major foreign policy issues facing the U.S. and, ultimately, each and everyone of us. Some questions asked, and answered, during the Great De-

cisions '79 series are: "What U.S. trade policy can save your job and your shrinking dollar?" "How can we cope with terrorism?" "Who's the enemy in Black Africa — poverty, racism, or the Russians?"

Dr. Robert Mangrum, professor of history at Clarke, will lead the Series; he encourages all area residents interested in the affairs of our country and the world to register and attend each week's discussion.

For information on how to register and the cost, interested persons are asked to call Dr. Gary N. Garner, Academic Dean, at Clarke College, 683-2061.

Dr. Compere Honored By Faculty

For Faithful Service To College

Chapel hour at Clarke College on January 29, was a very special occasion. Dr. John F. Carter, veteran professor at the Newton-based college called President W. L. Compere and Mrs. Compere to the platform and presented to Dr. Compere an elegant plaque from the Clarke faculty, the significance of which was expressed in Dr. Carter's message printed:

"Mr. President — I have been asked by a committee of the faculty to perform a most pleasant duty. Indeed, the privilege that is mine this morning is so gratifying that it makes the duty much more agreeable than most duties.

"All of us recognize with humble gladness and with hearty gratitude to God the 20 years of your dedicated and highly productive service to God as president of Clarke College.

"The many and impressive achievements of those years are to be observed on every hand, in the new structures on the campus and in the consecrated service to God rendered throughout the land by hundreds of men and women who received their first college training at Clarke College.

"I have been privileged to serve the college in various capacities, while serving all the while as a professor and an instructor. Repeatedly I have been president; once I was registrar; twice I have been dean—and much of the time superintendent of janitors, but I am convinced that without doubt the most important service that I have been privileged to render the college was performed some time between the 10th and the 20th

of January, 1955, when as acting dean with the responsibilities of interim president, I had the happy privilege of presenting you as the new president of the college and Mrs. Compere as First Lady of the campus.

"I was highly pleased because the Board of Trustees chose you to be our president, and through the years my approval of their action has grown more hearty and firm.

In recognition of and in

hearty appreciation for your devoted and fruitful service to college through these 20 years, the faculty of Clarke College has asked me to present to you for them this commemorative plaque. It reads:

"Dr. W. Lowrey Compere in appreciation for twenty years of dedicated, productive service as president of Clarke College."

The signature on the bottom of the plaque was "Clarke College Faculty, January 1975."



PRESENTING PLAQUE — It fell the lot of professor John Carter, left, to present to Clarke College President W. L. Compere in ceremonies last week a beautiful plaque in recognition of Dr. Compere's long, faithful and fruitful

years as head of Newton-based Baptist Junior College. The presentation was made on behalf of the faculty, as Mrs. Compere appeared with her husband as he accepted the plaque.

World Awareness Week

As a continuing emphasis is placed on Bold Missions Thrust, Clarke will observe World Awareness Week February 19-22. Coming to share the needs of the world will be Mrs. Gloria Thurman who serves with her husband, Thomas, as a missionary to Bangladesh. Director of Religious Activities J.B. Costilow and members of the BSU Council will be leading in the preparation and conduct for the week of special

emphasis on the world.

Mrs. Thurman will be on the campus each morning, Tuesday-Thursday, and will speak to an assembly in Lott Fine Arts Building

each day at 10 a.m. She will remain afterward for private conferences and eat lunch with the students each day. An invitation to interested persons who wish to attend is extended.

NEWTON RECORD 2-14-79 Carey Chorale In Concert

The Clarke College-Newton Concert Series will continue on Tuesday evening, Feb. 20, when the William Carey College Chorale will be presented in concert. The Chorale, the touring choral organization of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, is chosen by audition from among the students of music each year. The membership of the Chorale is limited to forty eight and choral literature from all periods is studied, memorized, and performed. The group is directed by Dr. Donald Winters, Professor of Music and Dean of the School of Music at Carey. The concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be held in Lott Fine Arts Building and is open to the public without charge.

The Carey College Choral dates from 1956 when Dr. Donald Winters, Conductor, came to the college as dean of the School of Music in the newly reorganized co-education Baptist College. Since that time the Choral has gained a wide reputation as an ensemble equally at home in both contemporary and traditional forms. Through its national tours, recordings, and appearances before the Southern

Baptist Convention, the W.M.U. annual meeting, and the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, its place as a significant force in the establishment of musical criteria in Baptist Colleges has been assured.

Members of the Carey Chorale are from cities and communities throughout the South, but all are united in their efforts to restore sacred chorale music to its rightful place in the concert repertory. Over twenty-five of the singers hold positions as choir director, accompanist, or soloist in various churches in the Hattiesburg area. A large percentage of Chorale members begin graduate studies immediately upon completion of their work at William Carey College, and some have earned doctorates and are now teaching in colleges and universities in the South.

From the Clarke College concert the Chorale will present Verdi's Le Deum.



Clarke Shares In 'Education Store'

Clarke College president A. C. Johnson (left) was on hand for the opening of "The Education Store" in Meridian recently.

"The Education Store" is Mississippi's first educational information center. Mrs. Mary Kathryn Easom (right) of Meridian is manager of the "store" which is located in the Village Fair Mall.

Meridian Junior College received a grant of \$15,000 from the State College Board to organize a pilot education information center for an eleven-county area in East Central Mississippi. The purpose of the center is to provide information on all educational programs in the area. Clarke is the only denominational college participating in the project.

If successful, "The Education Store" will serve as a model for other centers in various sections of Mississippi.

SUMMER MISSIONARIES

Seven Clarke College students have been assigned to areas of Student Summer Missions with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Among those traveling to California to serve will be Chris Nyers, Daleville; Dorthy, Beaver, Forest.

Myers is a 1978 graduate of Kemper Academy and serves as manager of the Clarke baseball team. Ms. Beaver is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Beaver of Route 1, Forest, and is a graduate of Scott Central High School. She is on the Clarke Baptist Student Union Council and is treasurer of the Women's Dorm Council.

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Tiny Clarke College

By ROBERT OURLIAN

NEWTON — When Dr. A. C. Johnson was appointed acting president of tiny Clarke College in January, he faced a school suffering from problems endemic to small private colleges around the nation.

Declining enrollments, inflation and a hard time attracting gifts and contributions — maladies that have forced many private schools to close their doors — were biting at the 72-year-old Clarke College.

The school finished the 1978 fiscal year with what Johnson called a "slight deficit," but by 1979, it was back in the black.

In the semester ending next month, Johnson said, the junior college is "running even," and is expected to land either just over or under its budget. The budget, now at \$800,000 a year, has been edging up over the past decade, Johnson said, largely due to inflation.

Enrollments at the school have dropped off since the late 1960s, but school officials expect the present student body size of 157 to begin increasing.

Upon beginning his job as acting president, Johnson — appointed president in July — moved to strengthen the school's admissions and recruiting office. Once a "one man show," Johnson said that admissions director Dow Ford now has two secretaries and several students aiding him in recruiting efforts.

The office has instituted programs to visit churches and high schools, and has redoubled its reach-out efforts, Johnson said.

"We've never done a lot of that," he said of the school's new recruiting practices. "But we're making an intensified effort to do better."

A college day held in late October was attended by 33 prospective students. Of those, Johnson said 12 submitted applications for next fall, the first time a college day has resulted in applications.

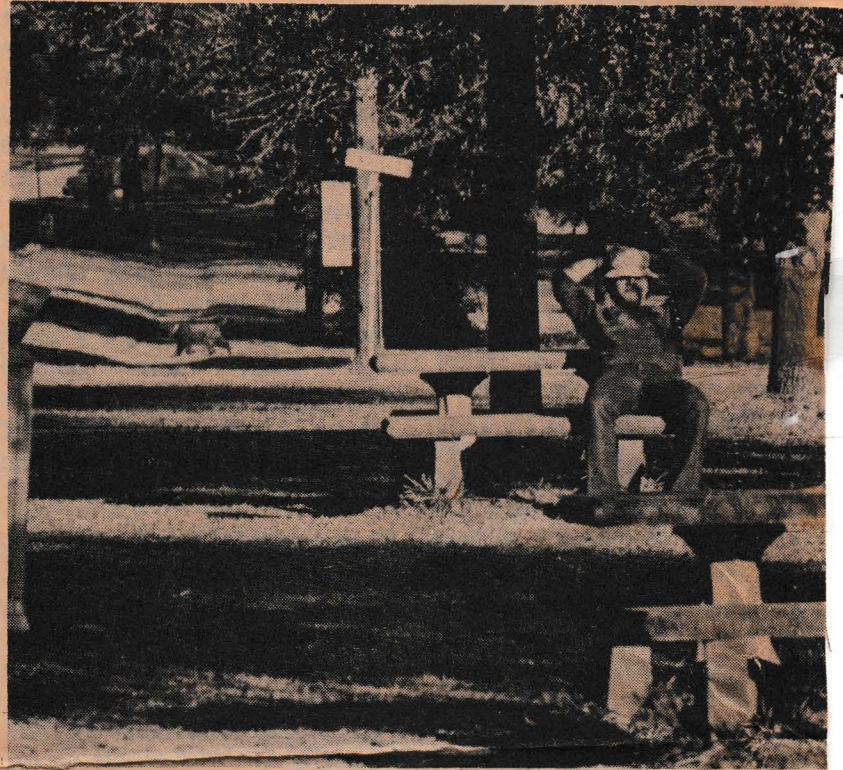
"This is something that's

said, calling it a "good, positive sign."

Six months ago, the college's 15-member board of trustees began a study of the school's program, devising initial ideas

But he stressed that the Foundation, which has owned the school continually since 1945, has made no suggestion that the school be closed.

"We're not looking at that,"



CLARKE COLLEGE STUDENT
... In A Late Afternoon Sun



CLARKE COLLEGE'S NEW PREXIE DR. A. C. JOHNSON ...
... Caught During A Busy Afternoon

for improvement in curriculum and community education. The trustees took their impressions of their examination to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, which Johnson said agreed to an in-depth study after a series

Johnson said. There are no plans to close the school.

"What we're looking at are ways to serve the community with courses and programs the community needs right here,"

Taking Big Steps

improving both the college's programs and recruiting efforts, the school is also stepping up efforts to attract gifts.

Development director Allen

operating budget. Just under 30 percent is provided by the Baptist foundation, and the rest, close to 50 percent, comes from student fees.

Fees may be one reason

keeping students away is the image of Clarke College as a "preacher's school," said Johnson. He takes issue with that image.

"We give students the same thing here that they would get at state-supported schools, with the exception that we emphasize church programs," he said.

He said the school has a "well-rounded academic program," and said students from Clarke College go on to become doctors, lawyers and educators."

The college's promoters stress that the school offers a "quality education in a Christian environment," with high moral conduct expected of all students.

"If students are looking for a situation like that, we let them know that's what we have here," said Johnson.

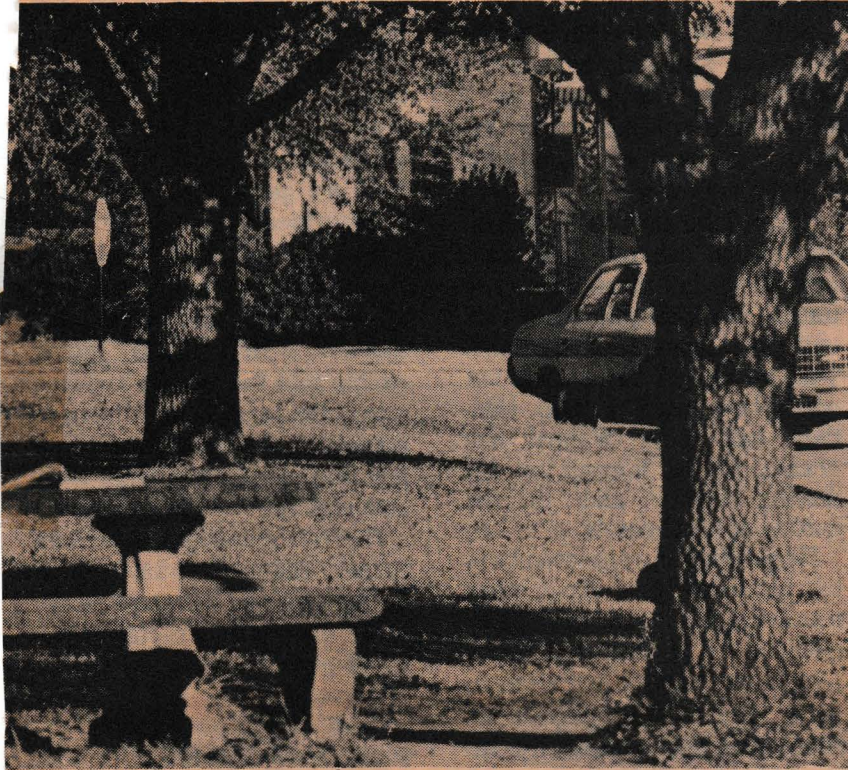
He said officials also stress the close relations between students and the school's 22 full and part-time faculty. The closeness, he said, allows students to feel that they are "more than just a number."

Established in 1907, Clarke College is the smallest of four schools owned and supported by the Baptist Convention. Others include Mississippi College in Clinton, Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, and William Cary College in Hattiesburg.

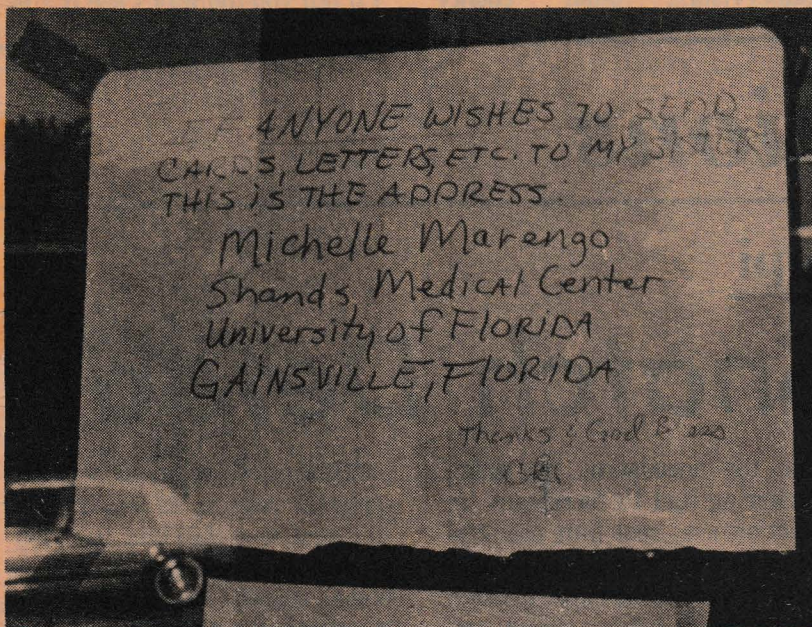
The Newton school is situated on 130 acres of land, and owns another 130 acres which now grows timber. It began as a senior college called Clarke Memorial College in 1908, named after Rev. Nathan L. Clarke, a prominent East Mississippi Baptist pastor.

Ownership of the school was transferred from the General Association of Regular Baptists in East Central Mississippi to the Baptist convention in 1914, when it became a junior college.

It was leased out during the



DENT SUNBATHES . . .
On The School's Campus



NOTE ON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DOOR . . .

. . . Underscores Closeness Between Students (Staff Photo)

Parnell is conducting a "very intensified campaign" to raise gift and contribution money for the college's next fiscal year, said Johnson.

enrollments have been dropping, Johnson said. But he added that the school has a number of scholarship programs available to students

Permenter Recital February 8

Calvin Permenter, pianist, will be presented in recital in the Lott Fine Arts Building at Clarke College, Thursday night, Feb. 8, beginning at 7:30. The general public is invited to attend this concert, sponsored jointly by Clarke College and the Newton Music Lovers Club, who is hosting a reception in Mr. Permenter's honor following the recital. Permenter, a native of Meridian, is instructor of piano and theory at Clarke.

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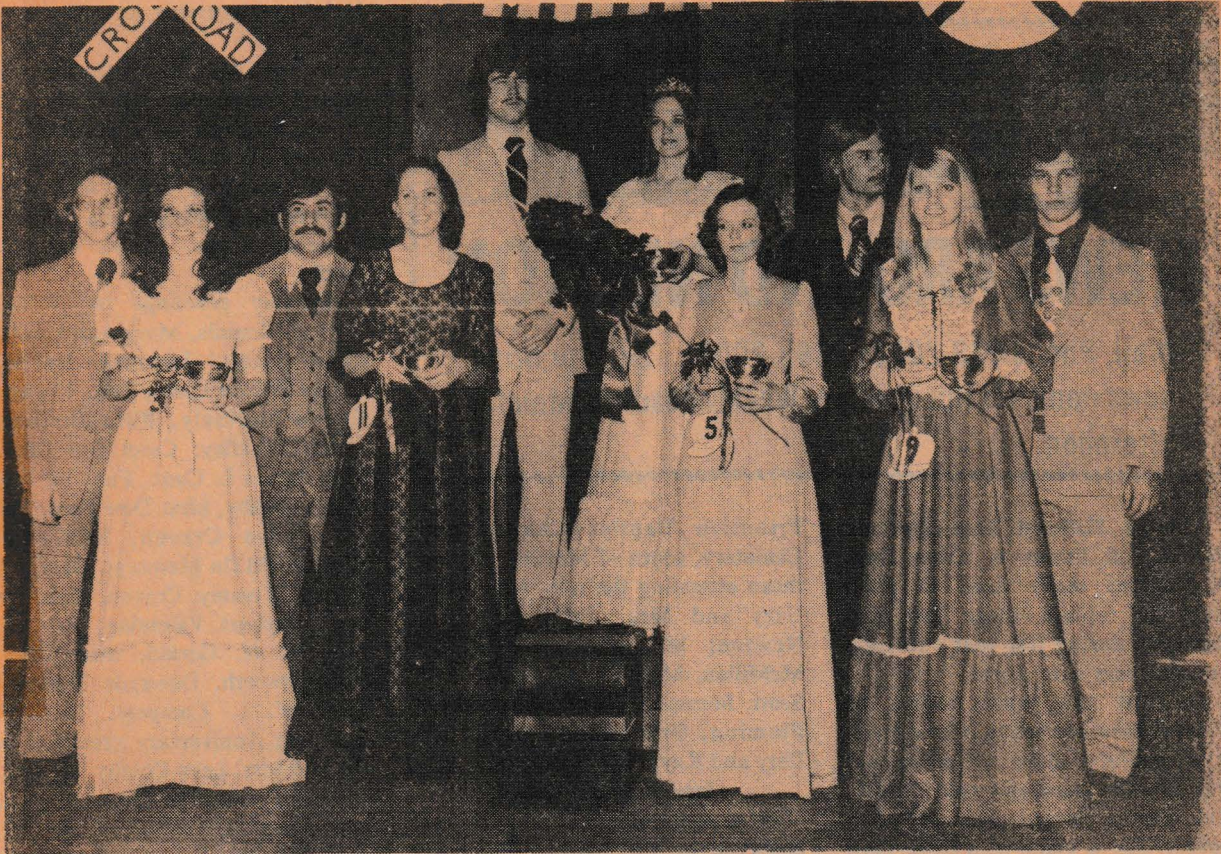
Clarke Students To Garaywa

Chris Adams (center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Adams of Newton, talks about her camp experiences at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, last summer with two Clarke College students who will be staffers at the Mississippi WMU camp this summer. Elaine Jones (right) of Meridian and Donna Wiggins (left) of Columbia have been employed as counselors for the ten weeks of Girls in Action and Acteen camps. Both students are completing the freshman year at Clarke where they are majors in music. Donna is a graduate of Columbia High School and was chosen a Freshman Favorite at Clarke. Elaine graduated from Meridian High School. The two young women are members of the Clarke College Choir and have recently returned from tour.

Chris is a member of Girls in Action at the First Baptist Church of Newton, and is in the fifth grade at Newton Elementary School.

CLARKE CHORUS PRESENTS CANTATA

The Clarke College Chorus will be presented in an Easter cantata, "Easter Celebration," by Harold DeCou, on Thursday evening, March 29, at 7:00 o'clock. The performance, under the direction of Miss Suzanne Noble, will take place in the Recital Hall of Lott Fine Arts Building. Soloists for the cantata are Edward Rhinewalt, Denice Houston, Frankie Lane, Cindy Cooper, Johnny Cook, and Toni Sloan. Narrator is Gaylon Smith and Joy Haywood is accompanist for the chorus. The general public is invited to attend the presentation which begins at 7:00 p.m.



CLARKE PAGEANT — (left to right): Keith Milner; Wanda Hall; Phil Spigner; Susan Bennett; Melinda Livingston; Alex DeSilva; Lewis; John Greene; Cynthia Frazier; Ricky Hawthorne; Beth

Clarke: 'Down At The Station'

The Recital Hall of the Lott Fine Arts Building was the scene of the 1977 Beauty Pageant at Clarke College. The theme "Down At The Station" was skillfully presented by the contestants at the opening feature.

Twelve lovely Clarke Coeds were selected by ballot of the student body several weeks ago and will be included in the Beauty Section of the 1977 College Annual, The Traces. From the twelve beauties a panel of judges composed of Mrs. Linda Baucum of Decatur, Mrs. M. R. Buckley of Newton, Miss Sidney Shaw of Meridian, and Mr. Ovid Vickers of Decatur had the difficult task of choosing the Most Beautiful.

Following interviews, a theme

production number by the contestants, appearance in sportswear and formal wear, and talent performances, the judges ruled Miss Beth Milner as the Most Beautiful, Miss Milner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herman Milner, is a Freshman at Clarke and is from Jackson. First Alternate was Miss Wanda Hall from Mathiston and Second Alternate was Miss Cynthia Frazier of Cato. Miss Susan Lewis of Raleigh was Third Alternate and Miss Melinda Livingston of Gulfport was chosen Fourth Alternate.

Entertainment for the evening was presented by The Lamplighters of Meridian High School, Frank and DeDe Nix of Meridian, and Barbara Tillotson of Vicksburg, a third year

student and last year's Most Beautiful. Tom Jacobs of Union was accompanist for the evening.

Serving as Mistress of Ceremonies was Miss Taunya Jaynes of Clinton.

The Pageant was directed by Mrs. Betty Bounds of Newton, assisted by Miss Karen Jones of Meridian and Miss Barbara Tillotson of Vicksburg.

The winner was crowned by Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke President, assisted by Miss Tillotson.

The photo shows the Most Beautiful and Alternates and some of the young men who served as escorts for the Pageant.



Students discussing the emphasis week are: (left to right): Cindy Smith, Meridian; Sharon Wilson, Jackson; Kenny Gregory, New

Albany; Clifton Craft, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Michael Collins, Noxapater; Rev. Costilow; and John Wilson, Gulfport BSU President.

Clarke Sets Spiritual Emphasis Week

Students at Clarke College, under the direction of Rev. J. B. Costilow, BSU Director, are finalizing plans for the College's Spiritual Emphasis Week to be conducted February 21-24. Featured speaker for the week will be Dr. Chester E. Swor of Jackson. Dr. Swor, a widely acclaimed and much sought after speaker for Young people, speaks to from 40 to 50 high schools and colleges in an average year. He is a native Mississippian with degrees

from Miss. College, University of North Carolina, and additional study and research at a number of institutions of higher learning. Dr. Swor was formerly Dean of Men and Assistant professor of English at Miss. College; he is now engaged in full-time religious lecture work and counseling. He has authored or co-authored eight books with other books presently under preparation.

Dr. Swor will be speaking each morning from 10 -10:50 and

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights at 7:00 in the Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke campus. Open conferences will be held each afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 on the campus. In addition, Dr. Swor will speak at First Baptist Church in Newton on Sunday evening, Feb. 20, and will speak at the same church in a Youth Rally on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Clarke President, Dr. W. L. Compere, joins Rev. Costilow in extending an invitation to churches and interested persons in the area to share in this Spiritual Emphasis Week with the Clarke family.



CLARKE TRUSTEES MEET

The Clarke College Board of Trustees met recently on the college campus to organize for the new year. Re-elected as chairman of the board was Dr. M.L. Flynt, Jr., of Meridian with Rev. John Brock of Gautier chosen to serve as vice-chairman. Mrs. Frank L. Fair, Jr., of Louisville, was re-elected secretary. The trustees heard reports from administrative personnel, accepted the resignation of Dr. S.L. Harris as president, and asked Development Director Dr. A.C. Johnson to serve as acting president until such time as a new president can be found. New trustees at this meeting were Mrs. Robert M. Smith, DeKalb; Dr. Joe

H. Stovall, Jr., Jackson; Mr. Gene Triggs, Yazoo City. Present for the meeting were (left to right) Mrs. Frank L. Fair, Jr., secretary, Louisville; Mrs. A.J. McIlwain, Jackson; Vice-chairman John Brock, Gautier; Clovis Harden, Grenada; Hugh Poole, Macon; Jamie Tynes, Heidelberg; Gene Triggs, Yazoo City; Mrs. Robert Smith, DeKalb; Joe Stovall, Jackson; Dr. M.L. Flynt, Jr., Chairman, Meridian; James Smith, Houston; James Ruffin, Meridian. Trustees not present were Jack Brand, Newton; Reuben Lott, Laurel. Present but not in the picture was Rex Braswell, Hattiesburg.

Eagles Begin Season With Win Over Clarke

By ANDY CLAY
Sports Correspondent

It wasn't pretty, but it was a win.

That's the way Meridian Junior College men's basketball coach Jim Redgate described his team's 67-66 come-from-behind win over Clarke College here Friday night in the Eagles' season-opener.

"We didn't play real well, but you've got to credit Clarke for a lot of that," said Redgate. "But we'll take a win any way we can get it."

The Eagles jumped to an early 8-2 lead and played the Panthers even for the rest of the first half, taking a 41-34 advantage. But Clarke tied the score at 48 early in the second half and MJC later had to rally from a four-point deficit to gain the lead for good.

Freshman Kirk Pellerin, of Lake Charles La., got the Eagles rolling early in the game, hitting MJC's first three baskets. But Clarke roared back with six unanswered points to take the lead 13-11, the Panthers' only lead of the half, on Bobby Thompson's field goal.

MJC regained the lead at 15-13 on successive baskets by Jeffery Croft and Benjamin Buck and didn't relinquish it until midway through the second half.

The Panthers closed to within one point at 23-22 and 31-30, but could not go ahead.

Joe Middlebrook converted a three-point play with less than a minute to go in the half to give the Eagles their halftime bulge.

MJC took its biggest lead of the night, 44-34, early in the second half on baskets by David Harris and Buck.

Trailing 47-39, Clarke closed to within two on successive buckets by Gordon Baker, Jay Prout and Kennedy Gamble. Mark Wade converted a three-point play to tie the game at 48.

Clarke took the lead at 52-51 on a pair of Wade

free throws and stretched it to three at 56-53 a few minutes later when Baker hit a field goal and a pair of free throws.

Trailing by four after another pair of Baker free throws, Dave Scheibly tied the game at 60 for MJC on four free throws. Pellerin hit an 18-foot jumper and Middlebrook sank a free toss as MJC stretched its lead to 63-60.

Scheibly hit a field goal and Croft sank a pair of free throws to give the Eagles a 67-62 lead with just over two minutes left, but Wade hit successive field goals for the Panthers to pull them to within one at 67-66.

Scheibly hit a driving lay-up with 39 seconds left, but was called for charging and the basket didn't count.

However, Clarke turned the ball over and the Eagles went into a stall. But Scheibly, who had hit on all six free throw attempts earlier, was fouled with 10 seconds left and missed the front end of a one-and-one.

Clarke ran the clock down to three seconds before attempting a shot, but couldn't score.

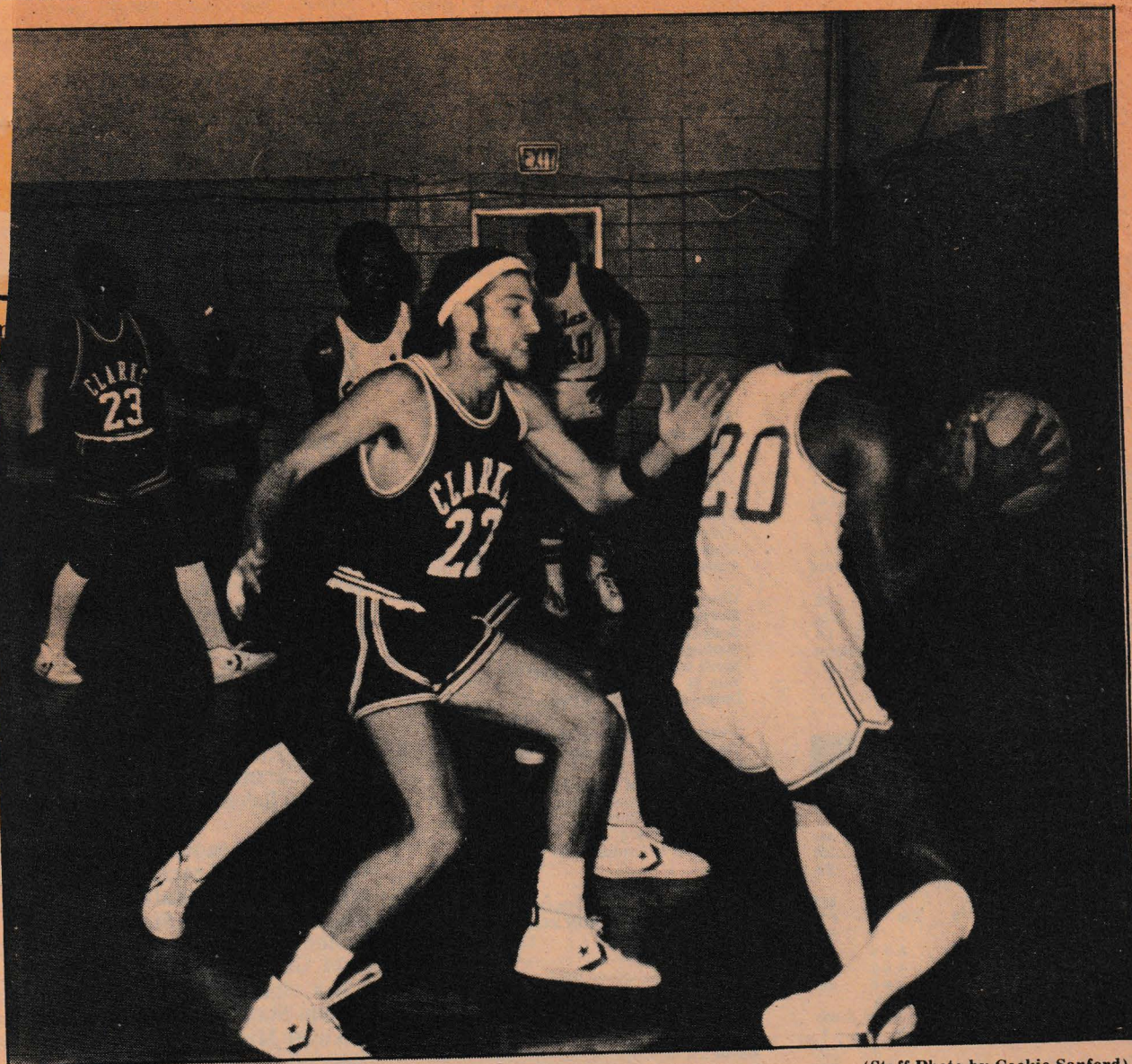
"Clarke really hustled and got after us; it's a shame they had to lose," said Redgate. "They remind me of some of the teams I had out here a few years ago — short, but they hustled."

Buck led the Eagles with 12 points and 12 rebounds, while Croft contributed 12 points and nine rebounds. Middlebrook had 11 points, Scheibly 10 and Harris 10 rebounds.

Gamble led Clarke with 19 points and Baker added 18, while Wade had 11.

Clarke will get a chance for revenge Friday when the Eagles travel to the Panthers' home gym.

Meridian hosts Patrick Henry (Ala.) Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The MJC Lady Eagles first action is Monday when both squads host East Central.



(Staff Photo by Cookie Sanford)

**MJC'S DAVID HARRIS (20) LOOKS FOR DRIVING ROOM. . .
... Against Clarke's Barry Thompson Monday Night**

A'dm Star

11-03-81

A good convention . . .

Mississippi Baptists to be congratulated

A responsible decision was made by Mississippi Baptist last week when they accepted a recommendation from the Christian Education Commission, the Clarke College Board of Trustees, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to ask for an objective study of a declining enrollment at Clarke College, which has created the possibility of financial problems.

The Christian Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to make the study; and, hopefully, this agency will give the school some insights as to why enrollment is declining and perhaps even some thoughts on how to reverse the trend.

The college has had as high as 400 students. The student body now numbers about 150, according to reports.

Let it be said immediately that this writer supports the junior college concept in education. The principle would work whether it were applied in a tax-supported school or a private school, such as ours. The idea is that some students are not ready for senior college work, and the junior college provides a time of additional maturing beyond the high school and at the same time offers college level courses. At Clarke they are also in a Christian setting.

So let the study be made. Mississippi Baptists are behind it. The issue passed at the convention without a dissenting vote. There is nothing to fear. If the truth is provided in the report of the study, and surely it will be, then it is to be welcomed.

The study will not close Clarke College. The college administration and trustees and Mississippi Baptists will

act as they see fit based on the knowledge they gain through the study.

The budget adopted for 1980 moved past \$11 million. This is less of a percentage increase over 1979 than this year was over 1978. This year we are \$1 million ahead of the same time last year and well on our way to meeting a budget of \$10 million. We had our first \$1 million month in missions gifts in October.

Fine Spirit

The spirit at the convention throughout its three-day session was very fine. The attendance remained high all along even though the registration was no higher than usual. At 9 a.m. on the final day the registration was 1,222. It's possible that only half of the churches had messengers in attendance; but those who came attended well, heard fine preaching and music, and were part of a good spirit that prevailed throughout.

This spirit of fellowship and enthusiasm seems to be carrying over from association meetings, when it was generally reported that attendance was good and enthusiasm was high. The same sort of spirit seems also to be pervasive in other state conventions, as those reports are coming in. The attitude seems to be one of expectancy as if Southern Baptists are entering into a period of good and positive experiences as we are trying to witness to our nation and to the world. No one can explain the attitude apart from a general sense of deeper commitment.

This is reflected in the reports of all areas of Baptist Life. Last year almost all reports showed downtrends. This year the experience is the opposite.

The graph is moving up in all areas except for the enrollments of Woman's Mission Union and Church Training. In those categories the losses are slight.

Certainly it has to be said that Baptists don't all have to agree with each other for a meeting to be good, for that is a condition that is almost beyond attainment. Baptists speak their convictions when they meet, and it is seldom that they are all the same. The only negative note about the convention just passed, however, was a vote to delete from the convention's budget an annual item of \$3,600, which has been an expression of appreciation that was established six years ago when W. Douglas Hudgins retired as executive secretary. Hudgins came to the post late in his career from a very successful pastorate and under trying conditions because of the shock caused by the sudden death of the previous executive secretary. Such a stipend cannot be paid to every Baptist employee who retires, however, and it was questioned on that basis. By a vote of 55 per cent of the messengers present at the time, it was deleted.

Two Conclusions

There are two conclusions that are to be drawn from this action. One is that the messengers knew about the \$3,600 stipend because it was not hidden in the budget somewhere. The actions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are open for all to see. That budget item had been there for six years, plainly labeled. That is as it should be. There should be no Baptist secrets kept from Baptists. They should be able to inform themselves of any areas of Baptist operation about

which they have questions.

The second conclusion is that nothing is ever "cut and dried" in a Baptist meeting. This is the first time a budget has been questioned in years, possibly the first time ever in the memory of many veteran convention goers. It was questioned this year, however, and it was changed by majority vote. This is the Baptist system.

The sadness in the action comes because it happened to involve such a dedicated servant and denominational statesman as Doug Hudgins. He is a former Texas pastor, and his is a name the writer can remember hearing almost from earliest recollections. He has been executive secretary in Mississippi, pastor of the largest church in Mississippi, first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, president of the state convention, member of the Convention Board, chairman of the Executive Committee, and the annual preacher at both the national and state conventions as well as achieving recognition in many other areas. He would be the first to say, "It is the will of the body, and it must be so."

And as is the nature of Baptists, even though the convention was almost evenly divided on the issue of the annual stipend, the spirit of good fellowship and enthusiasm was not dampened. It was a fine convention. The officers and the members of the committee on order of business are to be congratulated. All Mississippi Baptists are to be congratulated.

Convention Will Consider Big Budget, Clarke Study

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Mississippi Baptist Convention President Bill Causey will call the 144th annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to order at 9 a.m., Nov. 13, in the auditorium of Jackson's First Baptist Church.

This year's convention is set to include a vote on an \$11.2 million budget and a vote to consider a study on the future of Clarke College.

The budget is the amount of income estimated to come in to Cooperative Program causes from Mississippi Baptist churches. One-third of that money will be sent out of state to Southern Baptist causes in the nation and around the world. The rest will fund missions and education programs within Mississippi, including the work of 15 states Baptist agencies.

The Mississippi Baptist Education

Commission and the Clarke College Board of Trustees plan to jointly recommend to the Convention that a complete indepth study be made of "all possible alternatives concerning the future of Clarke College." The study will be recommended to be made by the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Other convention business will include election of officers.

After the morning call to worship, "Sound of Joy," from Foxworth Baptist Church will offer a message in song.

Then the convention will be organized with seating of messengers, and a report of the committee on order of business which is chaired by Graham Smith.

Jim Raymick of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, will lead the congregational praise for the session and Jerry Oswalt of William Carey College will give the "Bible Treasure" message.

The choir of Parkway church will precede the president's address by Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway.

The Tuesday afternoon session will include music by a men's quartet from First Church, Yazoo City and by the choir of First Church, Clinton. Bill Bacon minister of music at First Church, Clinton, will lead congregational praise during the session.

Bobby Perry, pastor of First church, Moss Point, will give the "Bible Treasure" message and the convention sermon will be delivered by Bill Baker, pastor of First Church, Clinton.

John Newport of Southwestern Seminary will give a special presentation on the occult. And business matters to be considered will include presentation of resolutions and election of officers.

The Tuesday evening session includes music by Mrs. Charles Miles of First Church, Columbus, Donald Brown, minister of music, First Church, Hazlehurst, will lead the congregational music.

Roy Myers, pastor of Mt. Zion church, Independence, will give the "Bible Treasure" message, and Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will lead the state convention program.

Immediately after the close of the Tuesday evening session, a reception will be held. The reception will honor all missionaries and all chaplains in Mississippi. It will take place in the Baptist Building across the street from the church and is open to all who attend the convention session.

The Wednesday morning session will include adoption of the 1980 budget and reports of various committees.

Mrs. Harvey Kelly of Highland

Church, Laurel, and the William Carey College Chorale will offer special music. Ken Forbus, minister of music at First Church, Greenville, will lead in congregational music.

Odean Puckett will give the "Bible Treasure" message and Wendell Belew of the Home Mission Board will give the main address during that session.

Tom Hudson, pastor of Oak Forest Church, Jackson, will give the Wednesday afternoon session's "Bible Treasure" message and Charles Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Church, Birmingham, Ala., will give the afternoon sermon.

Tommy and Carol Sparkman of First Church, Terry, will offer a message in song and John Burke, minister of music at North Greenwood Church, will lead the congregational praise.

At 3:15 that afternoon, the mini-sessions will take place. These are four separate sessions which offer messengers a chance to hear more about individual programs and operations of the convention that is possible in regular convention sessions. A detailed outline of the min-sessions' contents will be offered in next week's **Baptist Record**.

The Wednesday evening session includes a "Bible Treasure" message by James Travis of Blue Mountain College and special music by the Missis-

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Bowmar Avenue church, Vicksburg, will lead the congregation praise. A Ladies' Ensemble from Alta Woods church, Jackson, and the Clarke College Choir will give special music. Ed Gandy, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko, will give the session's "Bible Treasure" message. Instrumentalists for the convention will be Elya Carol Hart and Becky Payne. The two are instrumentalists for First church, Jackson.

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Mississippi Singing Churchmen.
Jim Henry, pastor of First church, Orlando, Fla., will give the sermon that evening.
Final sessions of the convention, Thursday morning will include messages by W. C. Fields, public relations director of the Southern Baptist Convention, and John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor church, Shreveport, La.
Dan Guest, minister of music at

Clarke College Going Strong Despite Drop In Enrollment

By: Dorothy Hooker

Despite a drop in enrollment and finances, Clarke College is going strong, according to college president Dr. A.C. Johnson, who pointed out the picture isn't as bleak as some would have the public believe.

Clarke College's drop in admissions from last year is 18 percent, a figure that is misleading according to Dow Ford, director of admissions and public relations for Clarke College. Ford pointed out only 157 students are currently enrolled in Clarke as compared to the 196 enrollment last fall; a loss of only about 39 students.

Johnson admitted the college has been undergoing a drop in enrollment since 1967, but added most colleges and junior colleges throughout the country were encountering the same problem. The president attributed the enrollment drop to a lower birth rate, and pointed out national statisticians have plotted a similar drop in national enrollment through 1990.

Ford said a number of factors were responsible for the drop in Clarke College's enrollment, a major factor being the lack of leadership last year. "One of our problems was that we didn't have a president last year," he said. Johnson agreed with Ford's assessment, saying "One of the main reasons for the drop (in enrollment) was the public's feeling that we weren't stable. With the installment of Johnson as Clarke's new president, Ford feels this aspect of the school's enrollment difficulty is no longer a problem.

The admissions director also pointed out Clarke does have somewhat of an image problem, with a large portion of the public only viewing Clarke College as a "preacher's school." Although strongly supporting the ministerial curriculum at Clarke, Ford explained the school is basically a liberal arts college, with many non-religious courses being offered.

Agreeing with Ford, Johnson said "Clarke is a liberal arts college, not a Bible college," pointing out that of the 150-plus courses offered at Clarke,

only 22 are strictly ministry or religiously oriented. The president pointed out the college is a fully accredited junior college, but added a strong Christian outlook was stressed and encouraged among the students.

Ford said he "doesn't see it (the enrollment situation) as something that's going to affect us next year," and went on to outline the admission's office's plan of action. He noted enrollment has become somewhat a team effort on behalf of the faculty and staff and added a larger prospective "student pool" is currently being utilized by admissions officials. "We're putting out new materials in the schools," he explained, "materials that reflect a different image for Clarke, that we're not just a 'preacher school.'" Admissions personnel are also actively recruiting students by phone and by personal visits to high schools throughout the state. The college has also initiated a "College Day" at the campus where interested high school seniors may visit and discuss the college with admissions personnel.

The financial aspect of Clarke College's operations is of concern to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, which owns and operates the school, and Johnson admitted there were some difficulties along that vein. He pointed out the school is totally dependent on endowments, gifts, contributions from the state Baptist Convention and upon funds received for tuition, and added that the overall economic status of the country is largely responsible for present drops in funding.

"We're virtually free of debt though," he added, saying that a "strong alumni situation" was a very positive aspect of the school's funding. He went on to point out "the annual fund goal for last year was exceeded by a considerable amount," noting the college operated totally "in the black last year".

Even in the face of these problems, Ford and Johnson believe the college still has a great deal to offer the community and students in

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general. Ford explained his feelings by saying "We're sort of used to dealing with these problems. Clarke has historically had to deal with similar situations and we've always come out on top."

Ford added the restricted size of the college is a large plus as far as school officials and students were involved, "because we're used to dealing with smaller numbers. In hard times we don't have to worry about staying open with a small staff or students population, because we've always had (to deal with) that."

MBC Passes Budget, Votes Clarke Study

By Tim Nicholas

Mississippi Baptists re-elected Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, to a second one year term as president, passed an \$11.2 million budget for 1980, and offered resolutions concerning world hunger, gambling, abuse of alcohol, and television immorality.

In addition, messengers to the 144th annual Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to ask for a study by the Southern Baptist Education Commission to help determine the future of Clarke College in Newton which has an enrollment of 149. The recommendation came jointly from the Mississippi Education Commission, the Clarke Trustees, and the Convention Board.

Messengers passed seven resolutions. They recommended participation in World Hunger Day, Aug. 6, 1980, encouraged churches to observe an anti-gambling education emphasis in January 1980, and pointed out biblical principles contrary to gambling.

The resolution on abuse of beverage alcohol noted that relaxed controls of the sale of alcohol tend to increase consumption and said tax revenues from its sale do not begin to offset the economic cost of dealing with alcohol-related problems.

The television and morality resolution pointed out a continuation of the deterioration of moral quality in television programming and messengers encouraged local network affiliates to

refuse to carry network programming which the community determines unacceptable.

Other resolutions expressed appreciation for the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Unit, offered continued support for Bold Mission Thrust, and thanked the city of Jackson, First Baptist church, news media, and convention officers, committees and staffs for hospitality and service offered.

Other officers elected to the Mississippi Baptist Convention were Ferrell

Cork, first vice president, and David Millican, second vice president. Cork is pastor of First Baptist Church, Aberdeen. Millican is pastor of South McComb Baptist Church, McComb. Re-elected recording and assistant recording secretary, respectively, were Joe Odle and Paul Harwood. Odle is retired editor of the Baptist Record; Harwood is pastor of College Hill Heights Baptist Church, Oxford. The \$11.2 million budget allocates 33

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percent to world missions outside the state. The total amount recommended by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was voted with a reshuffling of \$3,600. B. F. Smith, of South 28th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, in a floor motion asked that a budget item of \$3,600 earmarked for W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board, be dropped. The annual gift to Hudgins

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has been in the budget since his retirement in 1973. The motion passed with 55 percent of the vote (244-215) and Bob Dent budget committee chairman, moved that the money be moved to a Mission Service Corps item. That motion passed. Two constitution and by law changes were made. Messengers voted to allow a minimum of two messengers to the MBC for the first hundred church members (or fraction thereof) instead of the previous minimum of one messenger. And messengers voted to add, along with the president, the first and second vice president, plus the state Woman's Missionary Union president as ex-officio members of the Convention Board.

These amendments had been read at last year's convention which is the requirement for constitutional changes. Another recommendation was read for next year's voting which would allow the Christian Action Commission to make reports to or recommendations to the Convention Board or the Convention.

The Mississippi Baptist Medical Center asked for and received permission from messengers to borrow up to \$2 million to complete a new laundry facility and a new radiation treatment center. Paul Pryor, hospital administrator commented that the current treatment center sees 75-80 patients per day from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Messengers voted to meet in 1980 in Jackson, Nov. 11-13. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi was named to preach the 1980 convention sermon. James Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City is alternate.

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MBC Passes Budget, Asks Clarke Study

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Board Recommends Clarke Study; Urges Village To Accept Property

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in its pre-convention meeting this week, joined the Christian Education Commission and the Board of Trustees of Clarke College in recommending to the Mississippi Baptist Convention a study of the "possible alternatives concerning the future of Clarke College."

The board also urged the Children's Village to take over property being offered in Lincoln County and joined the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in recommending to the convention that the

medical center be authorized to borrow up to \$2 million for a new laundry and a radiation therapy center.

In other actions the board approved a recommendation from its missions and evangelism committee that the position of associate director of evangelism be created and that money be budgeted for the position as soon as possible. It also acted favorably on a recommendation from the same committee that associations voluntarily study the feasibility of two or more associations considering joint operations with the same director of mis-

sions and adopted a schedule of increases in survivor benefits in the Protection Benefit Section of the new Southern Baptist Retirement Program and in Plan A of the Southern Baptist Protection Program.

Pastoral Aid grants were awarded seven churches in amounts from \$600 to \$1,800, and church building aid grants were awarded eight churches in amounts from \$800 to \$2,500.

The recommendation on Clarke College was "that a complete indepth study of all possible alternatives con-

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cerning the future of Clarke College be made by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and that said study and its suggestions be presented to the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and Clarke College's trustees jointly assembled and that this study be completed by June 30, 1980, and that a report be made to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November 1980."

In a statement accompanying the recommendation Commission Chairman Kermit McGregor said, "We have been made aware more than ever of the effect of spiraling inflation. It is only because of the increased giving via the Cooperative Program and special gifts that our colleges are able to continue. We are concerned as commission members for all colleges, but because of mutual concern over the challenge of declining enrollment and economic pressures, the commission and Clarke College's Board of Trustees jointly recommend to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and to the convention" the recommendation presented above.

The Our Town property in Lincoln County has been used as a non-profit child-care facility, but its use has been suspended. The entire property consists of 133 acres in one plot, an industrial building located on 11 acres in another plot, and a sizeable house on 10 acres, which have been leased from the 133 acres. Parts of the package or its entirety have been offered to the Village. There is a \$130,000 debt on the property, but the industrial building is for sale at a much greater figure. If the house is taken in, it would have to be purchased. The convention Board urged that the Village take the entire package.

The medical center has continued to use its old laundry facility for the past 23 years, even though it moved into new facilities 3½ years ago. The trustees desire to remodel a building to make a new laundry facility and also to build the new radiation therapy center. A fund drive was recently completed for the center, but costs estimates are coming in \$400,000 higher than had been expected, according to Paul Pryor, administrator.

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Clarke College may be main discussion

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Mississippi Baptist Convention will discuss the future of Clarke College at Newton when it opens its annual session next Tuesday.

Messengers (delegates) from local churches will meet through Thursday at First Baptist Church here. The convention is the annual business, inspiration and fellowship meeting for the representatives of the 2,000 member churches.

The state Baptist Education Commission and the Clarke College Board of Trustees also plan to discuss alternatives for the college, which has been facing declining enrollment and finances.

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Two real and critical needs of Clarke College are being addressed in our current planning for this year and we feel that industry, sound planning and execution will produce some satisfactory results. The two areas alluded to are student recruitment and improvement of the financial situations. Additional personnel have been employed to work in these offices and plans have been carefully formulated for both the major financial campaign to be conducted in 1980, and the drive to recruit additional students for the ensuing academic year. Our personnel have attacked these problem areas with intensity, dedication and determination. The organization work for the major financial drive has almost been completed and the recruitment drive has been initiated and is proceeding according to schedule. During the year the implementation of these plans will be more fully realized.

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New budget tops agenda for Baptists

By GREG WEBER

Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

A budget increase smaller than last year's and the future of one of the state's four Baptist colleges will be the focus of attention when the Mississippi Baptist Convention begins its annual meeting in Jackson today.

Representatives from the 1,950 churches in the state will act on the \$11.2 million budget, a \$1.2 million increase from 1979, during the three-day convention, and probably pass a recommendation to study the problems of Clarke College in Newton.

The budget is the biggest point of business for the convention, which represents the largest religious denomination in the state, with more than 600,000 people. Officials said there will probably be little discussion about the budget, because most budget requests were established when the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the administrative arm of the convention, met in August.

The budget increase is smaller than last year's \$1.4 million increase. Tim Nichols, director of the Mississippi Baptist News Service, said part of the reason for the smaller budget increase could be inflation.

"We had such a big increase last year," he said, "We can't keep asking the churches to keep giving and giving."

However, the convention is not faced with any cutbacks in the 15 state agencies or in contributions to the Southern Baptist Convention, where it will send one-third of its budget, or \$3.7 million. Church members have responded with large contributions.

"We pay our bills, but we have demonstrated a commitment to spreading the work of the lord," Convention Board Secretary Earl Kelly said. "We've run ahead of inflation with our giving. We're \$1 million ahead of what we budgeted for (contributions) this time of the year."

Every program on the state level will benefit from the contributions, and there will be an additional \$250,000 for the Mississippi College Law School, which is expected to help fund a new library, he said.

Though the state program seems unhurt by inflation, Kelly could not say exactly what effect inflation will have on churches around the state. Nicholas said local churches handle their own budgets.

However, the fate of Clarke College is within the domain of the convention, and the board of trustees for the junior college has requested the convention to pass a recommendation for the Southern Baptist Education Commission, which serves as adviser to the nearly 60 church-affiliated schools in the southern convention, to study the college's problems.

"We want to study the college for the purpose of upgrading and fulfilling their programs," Kelly said. "We're really seeking to improve the stature of the school."

The study should put off any possible changes in the funding for the school until next year, when it will start a \$1.25 million fund drive.

The school's enrollment has declined over the last 13 years, having peaked in 1966 with more than 400 students. Currently, 149 attend the school, a drop of 18 percent from 1978.

Dow Ford, public relations director at the school, said most of the problem has been the size of the school and the lack of an adequate admissions staff.

"Smallness tends to breed smallness," he said. "We've never had a full staff. We've gone down a little bit every year. But this year we got some gifts that put us in the black. We're virtually free of debts."

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Clarke College

Recommendation concerns future

Mississippi Baptists will be called upon during the Mississippi Baptist Convention Nov. 13 to 15 to make a decision relating to the future of Clarke College.

The college trustees and the Christian Education Commission will present a joint recommendation that would call for an objective study of the situation at Clarke by the Christian Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and would ask the commission to make known its conclusions based on its study.

This joint recommendation to the convention will be presented to the

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board on Monday afternoon before the Convention begins on Tuesday morning.

The discussion of the future of a college is an emotional thing. Its ex-students, its benefactors, its faculty, its trustees, and its friends always have deep feelings for a college.

It must be pointed out that this recommendation is not a search for ways to close the college. Far from it. This is an effort to see if there are ways to enhance the ministry of Clarke College.

With an objective study, of course, there is always the possibility of a negative report; but even that would

not necessarily spell the doom of the college. The future of Clarke College is in the hands of Mississippi Baptists, where it has been and should be. And Mississippi Baptists will determine the future of Clarke College, regardless of the outcome of a study. In order to make a responsible decision, however, Baptists in the state need as much knowledge as they can get. That is what the recommendation being proposed for the state convention is all about. The hope is that the study will provide Baptists with the knowledge necessary; and with that in hand, a decision can be made that will glorify

the Kingdom of God and be a blessing to the convention and the college.

The Christian Education Commission, the trustees of Clarke College, and the administration of the college favor the recommendation. Baptists of Mississippi simply want the very best for their young people in the realm of Christian education. It very well could be that a quality junior college would continue to fit into the pattern of the need for the future just as it has in the past.

Mississippi Baptists will decide at the convention how they want to approach that issue.

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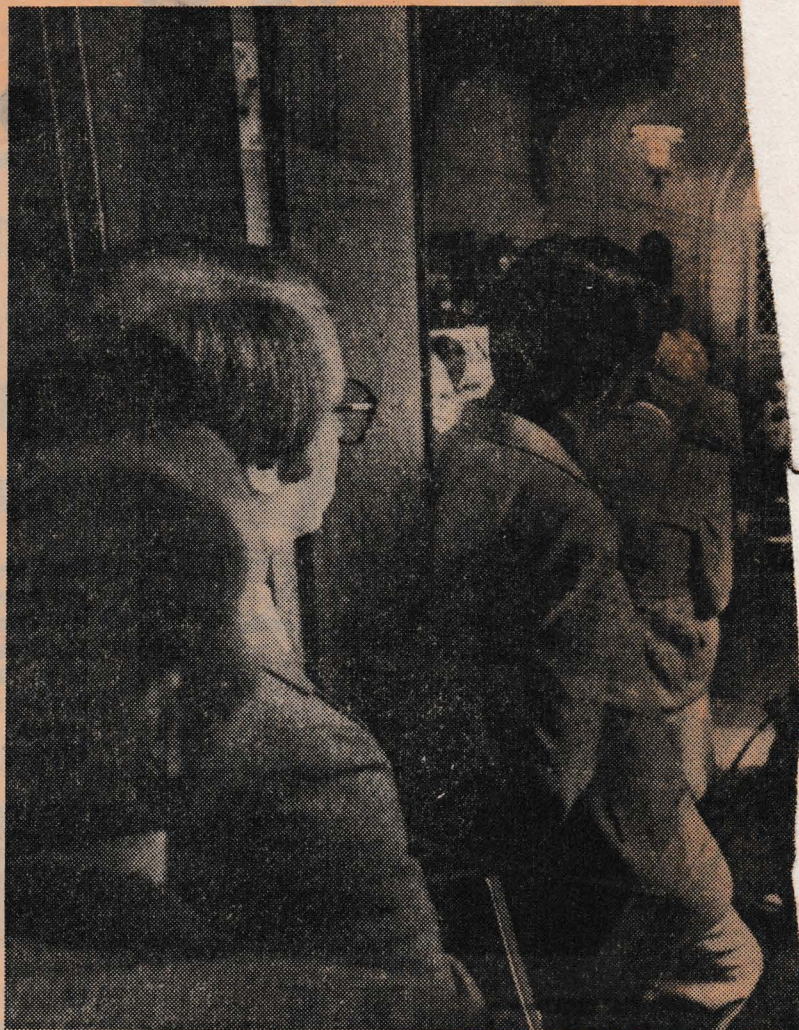
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College seeks study of its woes



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Johnson said inflation and the cost of going to the private, two-year junior college might have caused some of the decrease.

"We do have all the financial aid of other schools, but some students

might just look at the price of going here (\$1,000 a year), and move on without looking into it any further. On the surface, they can go cheaper to a state school," Johnson said.

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year, according to admissions director Dow Ford.

"We're already doing things we've never done before," Ford said. "Before, admissions was a one-man operation, but we have the financial aid director, two secretaries and four student helpers working full time on developing a pool of prospective students."

McGregor said the magnitude of the Clarke problem brought about

A noted occult author said much of the American youth movement into the various cults has been a product of the culturalization of Christianity.

The convention's Disaster Relief Unit van had a busy year during its first 12 months. See stories, page 6B.

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"None of the other colleges (all four-year programs) have had an enrollment drop over the last 10 to 12 years. All the others are either up or holding their own. They (Clarke) have financial difficulties, and they need a definite plan for gaining more funds."

In other business, the convention reappointed Bill Causey convention president by unanimous vote. Ferrell Cork of Aberdeen was elected first vice president; David Millican of McComb was elected second vice president; and Joe Odle and Paul Harwood were reappointed recording secretary and associate recording secretary, respectively.

Those attending the convention were presented the \$11.2 budget for 1980, which will be adopted today, and received six resolutions which were sent to the resolution committee where each will be reviewed before being voted on today.

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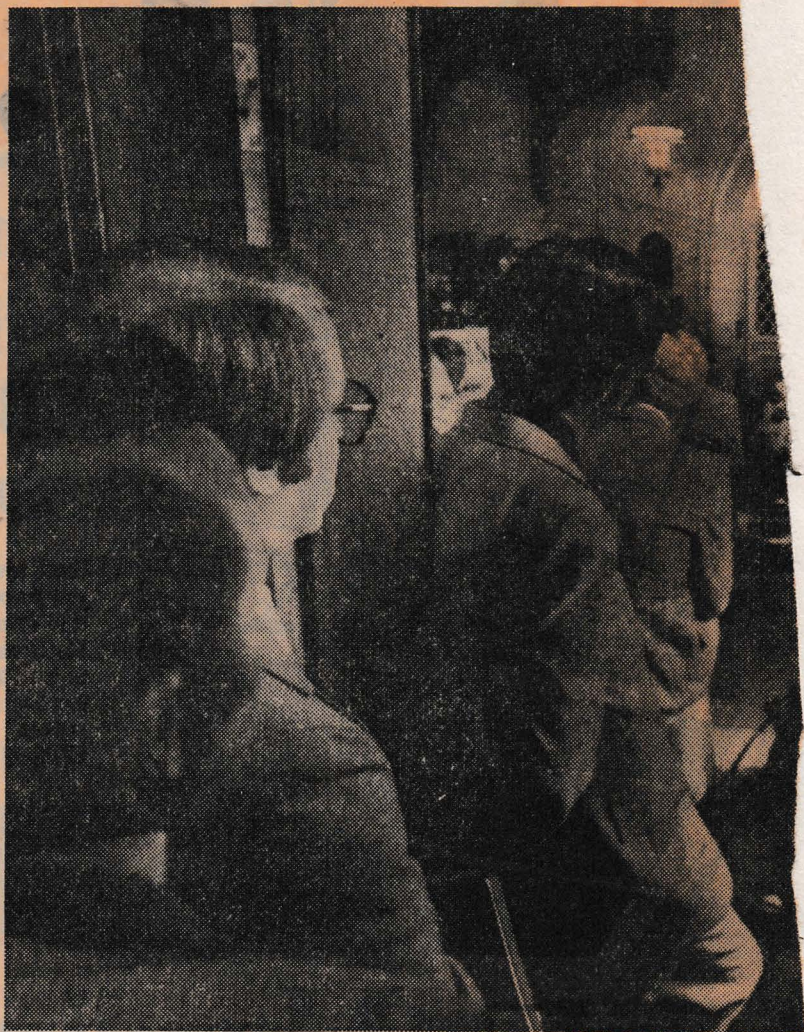
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Beginning Monday, Feb. 26, 7-9 p.m.

1. February 26 — THE TECHNOLOGY EXPLOSION; How to Harness It for Development? Dr. Grayson Rayborn, Asso. Prof. of Physics & Astronomy, USM.
2. March 5 — TRADE AND THE DOLLAR; Coping with Interdependence Mrs. Cyndi Katz, Instructor in Business & Economics, Clarke College.
3. March 19 — NATO AND THE RUSSIANS; Will the East-West Balance Hold? Dr. Robert G. Mangrum, Instructor in History & Political Science, Clarke College.
4. March 26 — DEALING WITH CHINA; What's at Stake — in Asia and the World?
5. April 2 — THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA; Facing New Facts of Power Dr. Orazio Andrea Ciccarelli, Asso. Prof. of History, USM.
6. April 9 — BLACK AFRICA; More Weight in U.S. Policy Scales?
7. April 16 — WORLD LAW OF THE OCEANS; Narrowing Options for the U.S. Dr. A.C. Johnson, Director of Development & Acting President, Clarke College.
8. April 23 — INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM; "Do Something!" — But What?

For details concerning cost and registration call Dr. Gary Garner, Academic Dean, Clarke College, 683-2061.



Admission to Clarke College is not denied any student on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap.

Clarke Names Acting President

The Clarke College Board of Trustees elected A. C. Johnson, director of development and alumni affairs, to serve as acting president of the college following the resignation of S. L. Harris. Johnson came to Clarke as instructor in history and government for the 1977-78 school year. He began his



duties as director of development and alumni affairs on August 1, 1978. He continues to teach a course in business law. Johnson holds the Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama and the master of arts degree from the University of Mississippi. He is a graduate of East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi.

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Johnson and his wife Bertie live in Meridian. He has served as District Governor of Civitan and is a deacon and Sunday School teacher at State Blvd. Baptist Church. He is in demand as a speaker for church worship services as well as Baptist Brotherhood activities. Long involved in educational activities, Johnson has been included in Who's Who in Education.

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"THE EDUCATION STORE" OPENS

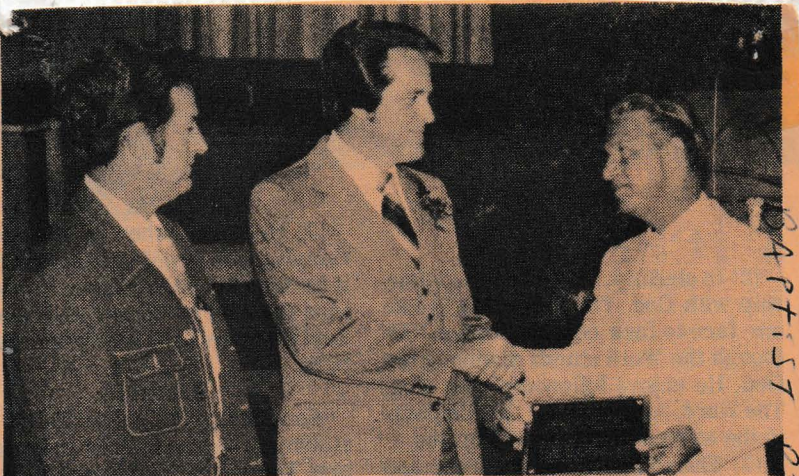
Clarke College President, Dr. A.C. Johnson (right) was on hand when "The Education Store" officially opened in the Village Fair Mall on March 5. Standing with Dr. Johnson in the doorway of the unique educational center is Mrs. Mary Kathryn Easom (left) who is the manager of the "store." Clarke College is one of educational institutions sharing in the facility which is funded by a \$15,000 grant to Meridian Junior College from the State College Board. Clarke is the only denominational college participating in this pilot education information center. If the project is successful similar centers will set up in various sections of Mississippi. Newton countians are invited to drop by the center and learn more about the educational opportunities in East Central Mississippi.

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ALLEN PARNELL, Clarke College director of admissions and financial aid (left) has presented an award letter to Paul Stupka (right) of Bentonla. Stupka has been selected to receive the John F. and Mattie Carter Scholarship at Clarke. The Carters (back) were present when the award letter was presented. The scholarship, set up by the Carters' sons and their wives, is an annual award given to a second semester freshman preparing for the ministry or some other field of vocational Christian service. The recipient is chosen by a faculty committee on recommendation of the Bible faculty at Clarke. Carter, now in his 90th year, continues to be interested in Clarke students and still influences them by his life and by the use of two of his books in courses taught at the college.



BAPTIST RECORD

First Church, Gautier on Oct. 29 recognized its pastor, John G. Brock, for his 20 years of ministry. He was ordained on Oct. 29, 1958, at Emmanuel Church, Jackson, when W. R. Storie was pastor.

The above picture shows Ralph Smith, chairman of deacons, and LeRoy Foster, vice-chairman, presenting a plaque to Brock.

Brock has been pastor of First Church, Gautier for over six years, during which time the church has made great strides in every area. The budget, staff and attendance have doubled; a new family life-education building has been constructed. Before going to Gautier in 1972, he was pastor of Oakland Heights Church, Meridian.

Rev. Brock is Vice-Chairman of Clarke Trustees.

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January

Array Of Courses

Dr. Gary N. Garner, Dean of Academic Affairs, announces a broad selection of courses for the spring semester, including several night classes both for credit and non-credit.

In the Division of Language and Arts courses may be selected in Art, English Composition, English and American literature, Drama, German, Speed Reading, and from a full program of music courses, both class and private.

The Division of Religion offers surveys in Old and New Testament, Christian Doctrines, Preaching, Church Administration, and several Religious Education courses.

In the Division of Science, Mathematics, & Physical Education classes will be available in Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Health Education, and physical activity, such as tennis and volleyball.

The Division of Social Science & Business will provide a wide range of courses in History, Government, Psychology, Business, and Secretarial Science.

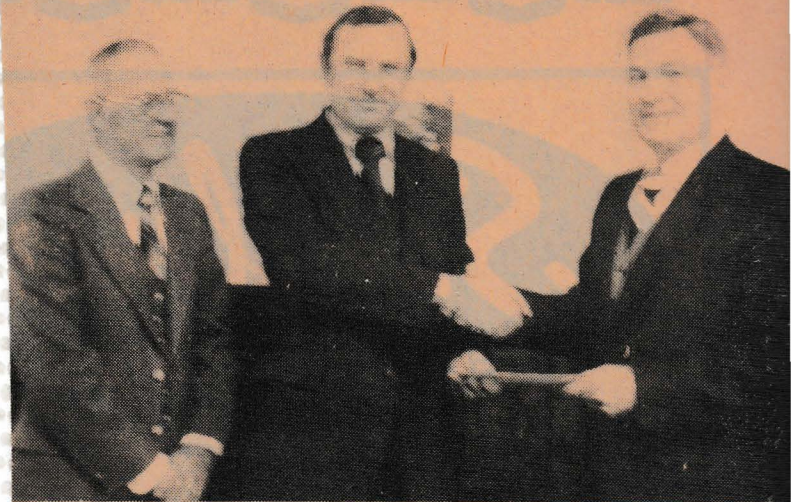
Registration will be on Monday, Jan. 8, 1979 in the Library from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.



Good Newsstand

J. B. Costilow, Director of Religious Affairs at Clarke College, stands beside the "Good Newsstand" which has been set up in his office in Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke College campus.

The stand was presented to the college by Miss Edwina Robinson in a recent visit to the campus. Miss Robinson is the co-ordinator for the American Bible Society distribution in Mississippi.



DR. JOHNSON ACCEPTS SEARS CHECK

Clarke College acting President, Dr. A.C. Johnson, is shown accepting a Sears Roebuck Foundation check from Mr. R.T. Wall, manager of the Meridian Sears store. Also on hand for the presentation was Lewis Collins, manager of the Newton Sears store.

Clarke Receives Sears Grant

Clarke College is one of ten privately supported colleges in Mississippi receiving a grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The check was presented to Clarke's acting President Dr. A.C. Johnson by R.T. Wall, manager of the Meridian Sears store.

The Mississippi colleges and universities are among over 1,000 private accredited two and four year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,500,000 in Sears

Foundation funds for the 1978 academic year. Funds may be used unrestrictedly as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation each year conducts a variety of special purpose programs in elementary, secondary, high and continuing education. Altogether, the Foundation had expenditures of almost \$2,500,000 in 1978 for its education activities.

2A The Newton Record, April 4, 1979

Clarke College Newton Alumni To Meet

Newton County Clarke College Alumni Chapter will have a meeting on Thursday, April 5. The meeting will take the form of a Dutch Treat Supper in the Clarke Cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. Presiding at the meeting will be W.D. McClendon, President. Items on the agenda for the meeting will be the election of officers and planning for the "John F. Carter Day" to be held on May 25. Newton County Alumni will be hosts for this event.



CAREER AWARENESS PARTICIPANTS

Visiting Clarke College as a part of the Career Awareness Day coordinated by the Newton Chamber of Commerce for the Future Business Leaders of America at Newton High School were Teresa Goodwin [left], Valerie Ricks [second from left], and Kelly Pace [right]. These students participated in the activities of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at Clarke. They worked with Allen Parnell, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid and Mrs. Evelyn Williams [second from right], secretary in Admissions and Financial Aid. In addition to performing office duties, the students toured the campus and attended chapel.

Speaking for all three students, Teresa Goodwin had this to say, "Our time spent at Clarke was a worthwhile experience. It gave us an idea of what it would be like to work in an office, as well as to see what college life is like."

In commenting on the three students from Newton High, Mr. Parnell and Mrs. Williams observed, "These three young women were courteous, friendly, and eager to learn. We enjoyed having them and will expect to hear good reports on them in the future."



Clarke College Panthers

Standing left to right: Kennedy Gamble, Calvin Couch, Dave Forehand, Doug Lycette, Bobby Thompson, Dwayne Parten, Ronnie Page, Glen Sanders, Brian Long, Coach Joe Gibbon, Keeling: Tim Thomas, Todd Pillsbury, Pete Pearce, Ken Bradley, James Tramel, Jeff Cumberland, Jeff May, and Gordon Baker.

Clarke Takes Two From Holmes Junior College

Joe Gibbon's Panthers put together an offensive drive Monday which featured thirty-one hits, including six home runs to take a pair from Holmes Junior College 14-1, 16-10.

Clarke mainstay Brian Long from Mantachie was the winning pitcher in the first game. Copeland took the loss. In the second inning Dwayne Parten, Meridian, hit the first home run of the contest. In the third inning Ken Bradley, Tupelo, hit the second. He was followed by Long and Glen Sanders, Saltillo, to make three home runs in succession in the third inning. Leading hitters were Bradley (4-5), Parten (3-3), and Dave Forehand, Pensacola, (3-3).

The ten run rally called after four and one half innings.

In the second game so far, Parten started and was struck out three and one half innings. Bobby Thompson, Pensacola, took over and got the win, and lasted through the final out by Long. Fouché was the losing pitcher.

The Panthers put together 16 runs in the second game. Long was followed by another homerun. Ken Bradley also hit his second home run on Tuesday, a grand slam.

The Panthers play again on Thursday, April 1 when they travel to Utica at Utica.

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CLARKE RECEIVES SCOREBOARD

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Denham's Visit With Dr. Quick

Rev. and Mrs. Hardy Denham of Newton visit with Dr. Van D. Quick, vice-president for student personnel at Mississippi College, during a recent

reception honoring Clarke College faculty and staff. Rev. Denham is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton.

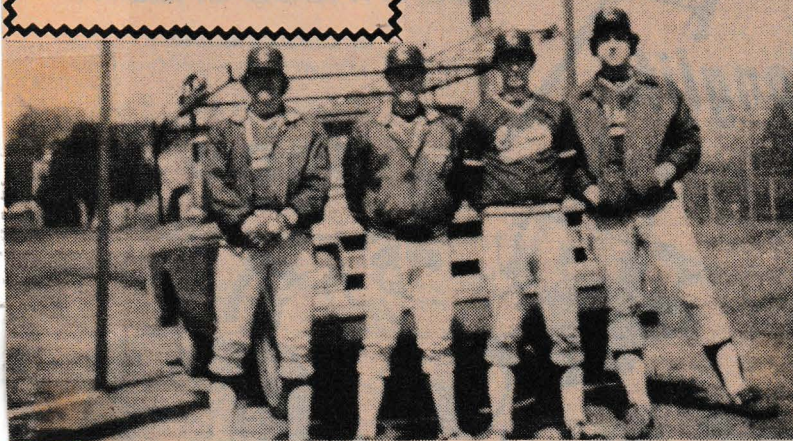


Prather's And Rory Lee Chat At Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Prather of Clarke College chat with Rory Lee, dean of admissions and acting director of development at Mississippi College,

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An Apologia Of Christian Education

A Vital Link in the Fulfillment of the "Great Commission"

By Gary N. Garner
Dean of Academic Affairs
Clarke College

(Matthew 28:19-20)

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and - lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen."

As a body of believers in God and His redemptive purposes for mankind, as recorded in the Bible, Southern Baptists have been inspired virtually beyond competition with like faiths to take the above commandment and carry it out in the broadest way possible. We speak of these two verses as being the "Great Commission," and indeed they are, but more specifically the first part is a commandment of "Go . . . , teach . . . , baptize (make disciples) . . . , and observe," and then comes Jesus' commitment to us of His presence, as we fulfill this commandment. The Greek really says, "as you are going, teach . . . , baptize . . . , and Baptists we plan to stay."

We fulfill this commandment in several ways, such as in our efforts to honor God by having Christian homes, where we teach our children God's principles for their lives, by exemplifying Christ in our actions on our jobs, by worshiping regularly at God's house, by private Bible study, and by surrendering our lives to a fulltime religious vocation, that might direct us to a specific service here at home or abroad. In all these areas mentioned, one is practicing the admonition of this commandment, namely to be a bold and courageous witness wherever the Lord would lead us on this earth.

In order for Christians to best fulfill the charges within the "Great Commission," namely that of "teaching and making disciples," training in a

implied: in the home by parents, at church by Sunday School teachers and pastor, and in school. Historically, as we know, even primary and secondary education started under Christian auspices. The legacy that Christian educators in America started in the early years has been continued unbroken by various religious denominations, but by none, however, more conscientiously than by Southern Baptists in their academies, colleges, and universities.

I know, first hand, what studying and teaching in a Baptist college means, since I have been associated with four from 1953, when I began as a freshman at Mississippi College. After graduation in 1957, I was privileged to study abroad for one year in my major field of foreign languages under a government Fulbright scholarship and then return to the University of Mississippi to complete my Master's degree in German, French, and Spanish in August, 1959. I then accepted my first teaching appointment at Wayland College, a fine Baptist college in far West Texas in the city of Plainview. After further graduate study at the University of Colorado, I accepted a new appointment in 1965 at Louisiana College, which was near Louisiana State University, where I completed my doctorate in 1969. In that same year, I accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Foreign Languages at Dallas Baptist College, Dallas, Texas, where I served until coming to the deanship of Clarke College in 1977.

Yes, I believe strongly in Christian education. Christian education is an integral part of the "Great Commission," which I believe, includes that area of the earth on which the Christian resides at any time. Just as the positive aspects of the history of western civilization and society have been nurtured by Christianity, so is our society today. Inherent all along in the purpose of the Christian liberal arts college has been that extra portion of

in the place of the major subject matter of the courses taught, but as it were, a bit of salt for seasoning. Exemplification of Christian principles and attitudes must ensue as a normal course of action, and certainly never be contrived.

The Christian college has a unique role of being a leader in articulating the importance of moral education. Only such deliberate education will save our generation from cynicism and an absence of hope, since contemporary secularism will not, yea, cannot, provide the answer. Secularism, by definition, is "a system of doctrines and practices that rejects any form of religious faith and worship, . . . especially in public education." The moral and ethical decline in our times is evident on every hand. Solzhenitsyn in his address at Harvard University in May, 1978, indicted our society for a lack of moral and ethical practice among our bureaucratic leadership, from which "Watergate" and the likes are born. How far we really are down the "primrose path" of secularism was not articulated more clearly by Solzhenitsyn than was done by several of the commentators afterwards. They belittled his message as old fashioned and irrelevant, but, oh, how little did they know that their observations indicated them as being blind to eternal values, which were likely absent in their educational experience. More simply stated, "development of character" has been lacking in public education. It was the central purpose of education in earlier days when the leadership sought to develop both good scholars and good, morally courageous graduates. Likewise, I firmly believe that we should teach today in the Christian college in a manner whereby we transmit as a matter of course a value system which includes unapologetically a "development of character." That can only be done sufficiently by committed Christians in

today look upon the Christian ^{and the} as primarily schools for missionaries and the like, but virtually without exception their numbers rarely exceed 25% - 30% of the enrollment of a given college and the remainder will be in legitimate secular fields. It is to these individuals in secular fields that we also need to share the benefits of an education within a Christian context at our Baptist colleges. The Christian layman is better prepared, as a rule, to fulfill his role in the "Great Commission," if he has had his training in an environment of Christian love and compassion.

We who serve at Clarke College are challenged to make it a center of both faith and learning as they relate to practical Christian values. We must remember that neither we nor our students are value-free. Inculcating Christian values in our teaching and our administration work is what Clarke College is all about. Without such, Clarke College would be just another mediocre educational institution at the mercy of a decreasing student population and an inflationary economy.

In conclusion, I believe that Clarke College has been fulfilling, and is destined to fulfill even greater, its role within the "Great Commission." To do so, however, will require greater vision and energy from all of us; namely, staff, faculty, alumni, and Clarke College's constituency everywhere. The rewards are manifold for the Kingdom of God, in whose vineyards we as Christians serve.

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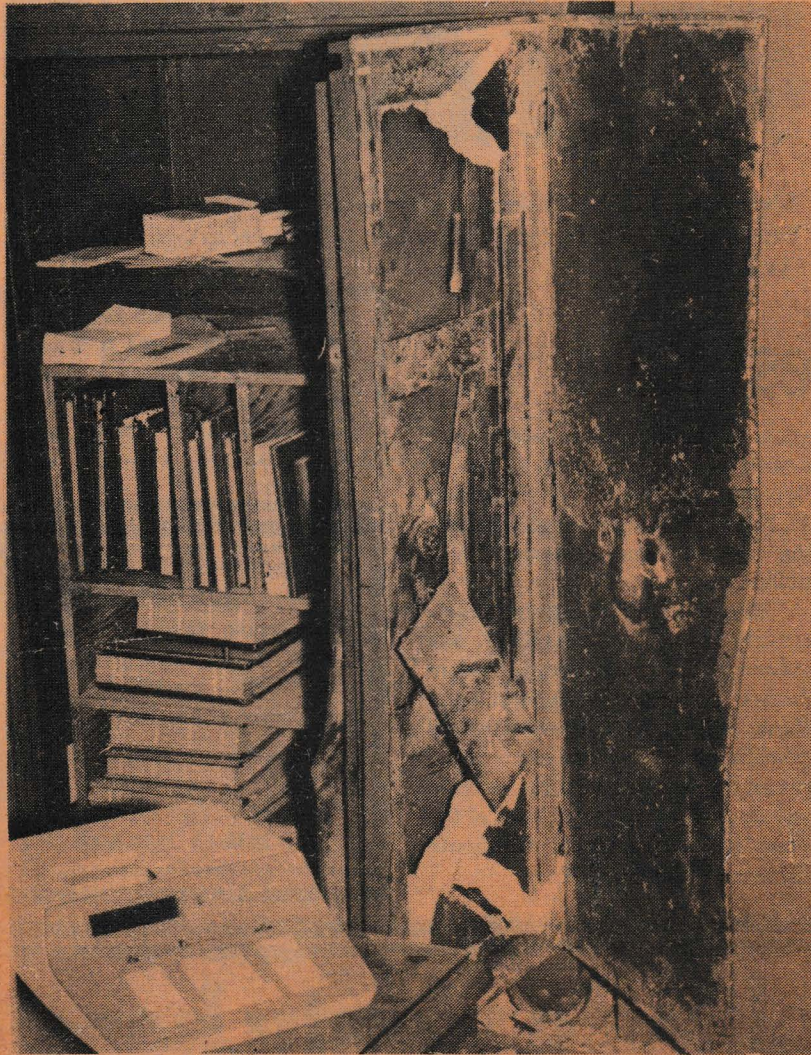
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Burglars Hit Clark

At press time local and state law enforcement officials were checking out new leads in the safe burglary last week at Clarke College.

The thieves, apparently professionals, broke into the business

office at the college sometime after midnight last Wednesday, but the burglary was not discovered until about 7 a.m. when a maid noticed the door was open and called the maintenance man.



This little safe job netted thieves over \$700 in cash.

According to a college spokesman, the robbery, which netted an estimated \$700 in cash, probably took place around 1:30 a.m.

The spokesman said he always makes rounds on the campus about 10 or 10:30 at night and did not notice anything wrong. About 1:15 students reported dogs barking in the area of the building and about 1:30, someone reported the lights on in the president's office, next to the business office where the safe is located.

It was hard earned money for the robbers, however, who were faced with an unexpected burst of tear gas when they knocked off the tumblers of the safe.

College officials, who had experienced a similar break-in about 15 years ago, had installed two tear gas vials on the inner wall of the safe. When the burglars peeled the front off the door and proceeded to knock the lock off, the vials burst, causing a little less than comfortable feeling for the robbers.

Officers said the thieves evidently ran into an adjacent lounge area, got a kitchen towel and an apron,

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soaked them with water and placed them over their eyes so they could get on with their illegal task.

They reportedly took nothing but cash, leaving record books and checks in tact. The college spokesman said the stolen money included cash on hand and various small funds, and that the loss was covered by insurance.

In their haste, or on purpose, the tools the thieves used were left at the scene.

Walter Tucker of the Highway Patrol Investigation Commission, who along with Newton Police and the Newton County Sheriff's Department investigated the incident, said the tools have been taken to the state crime lab for analysis.

Tucker said the scene of the crime was dusted for fingerprints but he is almost certain the thieves wore gloves. He said that a careful dusting revealed some smudges which had indentations like the wrinkle in a glove.

He did indicate there were some smudges on several articles which are going to be checked further for a possible lead.

The tools may also shed some light on the investigation. Tucker said there were traces of glue on the crowbar and mortar on the screwdriver. After the crime lab gives them a complete going over, law enforcement officials will know what type of glue and mortar was on the tools, which a check of establishments selling or using it may produce some evidence.

Although they would not definitely say, there could be a connection between the Clarke burglary and those late last year of the Coca-Cola Company and Ford Ice Cream.

All were reportedly done by professionals and there is similarity in the method of operation, with one noticeable difference. The previous two burglaries were accomplished with tools reportedly on the premises, while the thieves brought their own tools last week.

Tucker indicated that the thieves probably knew there would be no tools at the college whereas industrial type plants usually have them laying around.

He said it would not be possible

to trace the thieves by trying to track down where the tools were purchased for the thieves probably picked up one here and there and maybe stole some.

"For instance, we know that the screwdriver was the type sold in a large chain store," Tucker said. "But how many people have bought such a tool from the numerous stores located in the surrounding counties?" Tucker added.

There are a couple of other angles which law enforcement may also be working on. According to a college official, the tear gas in the vials was a special kind which produces recurring conditions. He said that a person's eyes could appear to be alright and then a week or two later, the victim could have severe headaches and irritated eyes.

Investigators may also be checking out the possibility that the thieves could have made an appearance at the college prior to the robbery, going into the business office during working hours on some pretext such as inquiring about courses or enrollment.

—CAROL PERKINS

Sports

Clarke Prepares For Tough Season

A relatively young and inexperienced team will take the field for Clarke College Thursday, Feb. 22, when the Panthers open their 1979 baseball schedule at Meridian Junior College Field.

First year coach Rocki Katz will lead the Clarke nine throughout an ambitious 30 game schedule which includes 17 home games. Concerning the schedule Coach Katz remarked, "It's always a challenge when you're playing as many double-headers as we do; and it's really taking on your pitching staff. But, I feel like we'll be a representative junior college ball club."

One of many innovations made this year in the baseball program will be the admission charge at home games. Season tickets are currently on sale for \$10 and may be purchased by calling Clarke College or Coach Katz. General admission tickets will be available at the gate at each home game. The charge is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children and high school students.

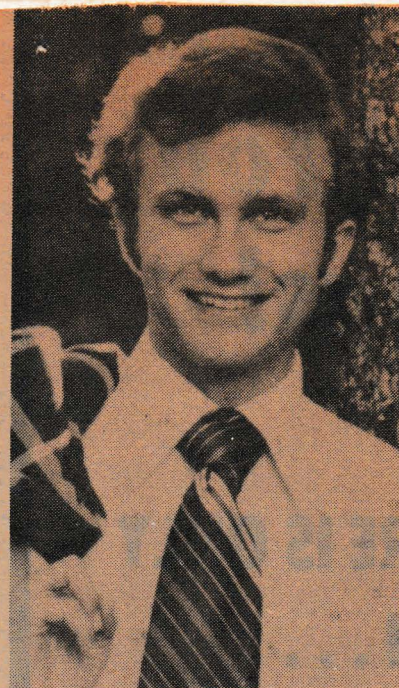
When asked to evaluate his squad's strength's, Coach Katz listed an experienced infield with strength up the middle and good overall team speed. Commenting on the other side of the coin, Coach Katz said, "Our primary weakness are lack of overall depth, lack of proven pitching, and lack of power hitting. We're just going to have to work a little bit harder and scratch a little to compensate."

"We're going to look to our older guys - our sophomore lettermen - for some leadership this year. It particularly means a lot to have sophomores like Johnny Weatherford, Mike Bunkley and Don Stewart anchoring our infield."

Pitching, of course, is a major concern to any baseball coach, and Katz is no exception. Veterans Ricky Cavanaugh, Johnny Weatherford and newcomers Gary Brom and Ricky Patrick will be called upon to carry most of the burden. "If push comes to shove, we'll pitch the batgirls, but it seems like every day we see some good things happen with our pitching. If we stay healthy, and have a little luck, I think we have enough guys who can throw strikes to keep us in every game."

Spring drills began the week the team came back from Christmas holidays. Most of the preliminary work has been done inside the gym. The days that the team has been able to get outside, though precious few, have been very productive.

When asked what one could expect to see on the Clarke College field this year, Coach Katz replied, "You'll see a lot of scratching, clawing and hustling. We won't hit a ton of home runs so we'll have to be aggressive on the bases. Hopefully we'll do some different things - some things that haven't been seen before. I think we'll be an entertaining ball club."



PERMENTER IN RECITAL

The Clarke College-Newton Concert Series will continue on Thursday, Feb. 8, when Calvin Permenter will be presented in a piano recital. The concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Lott Fine Arts Building. Permenter, a graduate of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music is presently working on a Master's degree at Drake University, is instructor of piano and theory at Clarke. He is a native of Meridian and well known in this area for his outstanding ability at the piano. Included in his recital are selections by Bach, Chopin, Faure, and Prokofiev.

The next concert in this series will be Feb. 20, with the appearance of the William Carey College Chorale. The concert series, with no admission charge, is being offered to the general public.

Following the concert the Newton Music Lovers Club, which is co-sponsoring the recital, will host a reception in Mr. Permenter's honor. An invitation to the reception is being extended to the general public.

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Permenter Recital February 8

Calvin Permenter, pianist, will be presented in recital in the Lott Fine Arts Building at Clarke College, Thursday night, Feb. 8, beginning at 7:30. The general public is invited to attend this concert, sponsored jointly by Clarke College and the Newton Music Lovers Club, who is hosting a reception in Mr. Permenter's honor following the recital. Permenter, a native of Meridian, is instructor of piano and theory at Clarke.



CLARKE TRUSTEES MEET

The Clarke College Board of Trustees met recently on the college campus to organize for the new year. Re-elected as chairman of the board was Dr. M.L. Flynt, Jr., of Meridian with Rev. John Brock of Gautier chosen to serve as vice-chairman. Mrs. Frank L. Fair, Jr., of Louisville, was re-elected secretary. The trustees heard reports from administrative personnel, accepted the resignation of Dr. S.L. Harris as president, and asked Development Director Dr. A.C. Johnson to serve as acting president until such time as a new president can be found. New trustees at this meeting were Mrs. Robert M. Smith, DeKalb; Dr. Joe

H. Stovall, Jr., Jackson; Mr. Gene Triggs, Yazoo City. Present for the meeting were (left to right) Mrs. Frank L. Fair, Jr., secretary, Louisville; Mrs. A.J. McIlwain, Jackson; Vice-chairman John Brock, Gautier; Clovis Harden, Grenada; Hugh Poole, Macon; Jamie Tynes, Heidelberg; Gene Triggs, Yazoo City; Mrs. Robert Smith, DeKalb; Joe Stovall, Jackson; Dr. M.L. Flynt, Jr., Chairman, Meridian; James Smith, Houston; James Ruffin, Meridian. Trustees not present were Jack Brand, Newton; Reuben Lott, Laurel. Present but not in the picture was Rex Braswell, Hattiesburg.

Johnson Named By Board

NEWTON — The Clarke College Board of Trustees recently elected Dr. A. C. Johnson, director of Development and Alumni Affairs, to serve as acting president of the college after the resignation of Dr. S. L. Harris.

Dr. Johnson transferred to Clarke College as instructor in history and government for the 1977-78 school year. He began

his duties as director of Development and Alumni Affairs on Aug. 1, 1978. He continues to teach a course in business law along with other duties.

Dr. Johnson, a resident of Meridian, holds the juris doctorate degree from the University of Alabama and the M.A. from the University of Mississippi.

Clarke Beauties Selected

As the theme "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" unfolded during the Clarke College annual Beauty Pageant, thirteen Clarke coeds appeared before the judges — David Andrews, Judy Andrews and Robbie Hearn, all of Meridian, and an appreciative audience. Following a group presentation of the theme, each girl was escorted on stage by one of the Clarke "Beaus", male students selected by student vote. The contestants appeared in sportswear, in evening wear, and in talent competition. Special entertainment was presented by a combo composed of students, by former Clarke student Frank Nix of Morton, and by the 1978 "Most Beautiful" at Clarke, Dianne Barnes of Forest.

Clark Adams of the music faculty was Master of Ceremonies and Academic Dean Gary Garner crowed crowned the "Most Beautiful" assisted by Miss Barnes.

Selected "Most Beautiful" for 1978-79 was Cathy Black of Jackson. First alternate was Mary Greene of Prentiss, who was also voted "Most Congenial" by all the contestants. Annice Houston of Brandon was second alternate with Deborah Lee of Enterprise being third alternate. Fourth alternate was Robin Polk of Prentiss who is also the Student Body Association President.

Announced at the Pageant were the "Beaus" who were chosen "Most Handsome" by the student body. Don Pratt of Jasper, Ala., was selected "Most Handsome" with alternates being Paul Stupka of Bentonla, Mitch Suterland of Jackson, Gary Brom of Jasper, Ala., and Donnie Dixon of Moss Point.

Winners in the Pageant will be featured in the 1978-79 Clarke Yearbook, Traces.

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ALLEN PARNELL, Clarke College director of admissions and financial aid (left) has presented an award letter to Paul Stupka (right) of Bentonla. Stupka has been selected to receive the John F. and Mattie Carter Scholarship at Clarke. The Carters (back) were present when the award letter was presented. The scholarship, set up by the Carters' sons and their wives, is an annual award given to a second semester freshman preparing for the ministry or some other field of vocational Christian service. The recipient is chosen by a faculty committee on recommendation of the Bible faculty at Clarke. Carter, now in his 90th year, continues to be interested in Clarke students and still influences them by his life and by the use of two of his books in courses taught at the college.

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CLARKE PROVIDES GOOD NEWSSTAND

Rev. J. B. Costilow, Director of Religious Affairs at Clarke College, stands beside the "Good Newsstand" which has been set up in his office in Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke campus. The stand was presented to the college by Miss Edwinna Robinson in a recent visit to the campus. Miss Robinson is the co-ordinator for the American Bible Society distribution in Mississippi. A variety of Bible Society publications will be available at all times in Rev. Costilow's office and will be open to members of the Clarke community as well as residents of Newton and surrounding areas. In addition to the "Good Newsstand" an exhibit of American Bible Society materials is on show in the display case in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building. Information concerning the newsstand and display can be secured by calling Rev. Costilow at 683-3941.

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First Woman SBA President At Clarke

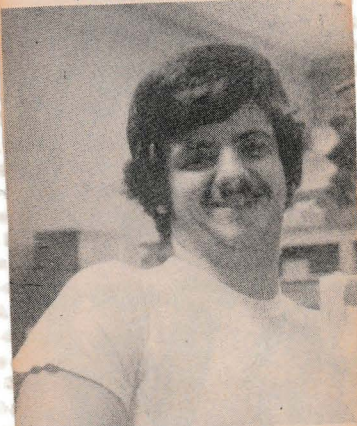
When Robin Polk (right) of Prentiss succeeded to the presidency of the Student Body Association this semester at Clarke College, she became the first woman student to hold the office of SBA president in Clarke's history. Robin was elected vice-president for the 1978-79 school year with Doug Broome of Terry being president. Broome completed his Clarke work at the end of the first semester and has entered Miss. College. Johnnie Cook (left) of Newberry, Florida, was elected to fill the vice-president's post for the Spring Semester.

Miss Polk, who was earlier this year chosen "Miss Clarke College" in student elections, has been on the President's List each semester she has been at Clarke. She has been in the Clarke Beauty Pageant each year and was chosen fourth alternate in the most recent

pageant.

Cook, who plans a career in agriculture, was one of the "Bea in the pageant and was elected "Friendliest Man" in campus elections earlier this year.

POPLAR SHOPPER



WATTS TO SUMMER STUDENT MISSIONS

Willie Watts, nephew of Rev. & Mrs. O.W. Marson of Poplar and a former Poplar resident, is one of seven Clarke College students who have been chosen by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve as summer student missionaries during the summer of 1979. Watts, a freshman at the Mississippi Baptist Junior College, will be one of four students who will be going to California to serve for ten weeks.

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THE UNION APPEAL, UNION, MISSISSIPPI, WEDNESDAY, J



REV. JOHN JACOBS, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Union, will leave at the end of June for Trinidad, where he and his wife Jean will serve as Missionaries. This will be their third mission trip to the Caribbean since 1969.

Union Appeal Photo

Clarke Trying For Top

By AUSTIN BISHOP

NEWTON — Arizona, USC, Clarke and Arizona State.

Clarke? Come off it! Collegiate baseball followers may not appreciate Clarke and Arizona State being mentioned in the same breath.

Clarke College has not of yet earned the right to take its place among baseball's elite. But the stage is set.

Clarke is the only junior college in Mississippi which can officially offer baseball scholarships. To go along with the scholarships, Clarke has an open shot at any ballplayer in the state, unlike other Mississippi junior colleges which have districts.

This years' Clarke Panthers have only 12 members who have to tackle a 30-game schedule under the direction of head coach Robert 'Rocky' Katz. The Panthers play 14 double-headers and a pair of single games.

No matter how well the Panther season turns out Katz's crew cannot participate in post-season tournaments because they are not a member of the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association. "It doesn't bother me at all," said Katz, "Not at all."

Katz thinks Clarke has an outstanding future in college baseball. "I think we have made a lot of progress," said Katz. "We are going to have close to a 55-game schedule next year and play eight or ten fall games."

"We have good sophomore leadership in the infield and we are strong up the middle," said Katz. "We also have plenty of team speed." Katz knows his team has some faults also. "We lack a lot of power and we don't have any proven pitchers," said the first year coach from Starkville.

The Panthers probable starting lineup is as follows: Mike Bunkley, Catcher; Ricky Cavanaugh, Center field; Don Stewart, Shortstop; Johnny Weatherford, Pitcher; Charles Overstreet, Third Base; Randy Makenon, Second Base; Danny Lynn, Right Field; Gary Brom, First Base; and Sidney Cook, Left Field. In double-header situations the second game will have Weatherford moving to first, Lynn going to center, Cavanaugh taking the mound, Ricky Patrick playing right field, Gary Brom coming out, and the rest of the line-up staying the same.

Other squad members for the Panthers are Steven Beasley and Joey Letchworth.

Katz, an asst. baseball coach at Aberdeen High School last year, is excited about his chance to coach college ball. "It's what I've always wanted to do."

Katz has already engineered some significant changes. Clarke has a new electronic scoreboard and a public address system. For the first time Clarke is selling tickets to the Panther contests. Season tickets as well as individual game tickets are available.

Clarke BYW Elects Officers

The Baptist Young Women's organization at Clarke College has elected Denice Houston of Brandon to serve as President for the 1979-80 school year. Miss Houston, a freshman planning a career in physical therapy, will lead the campus group in study and support of mission causes. Serving with her

as Secretary/Treasurer will be Debbie Gibson of Porterville, with Jenny Lowery of Gulfport to be Social Chairman. The remaining officers will be elected at the beginning of the 1979-80 academic year. Mrs. Laura Dunaway is advisor to the BYW which is part of the Baptist Student Union at Clarke.

Clarke Names Search Committee For President

A Search Committee has been appointed to look for a new president for Clarke College.

M. L. Flynt, Jr., Meridian, chairman of the trustees, is an ex officio member of the committee. Other members are Hugh Poole, Macon; Mrs. Robert Smith, DeKalb; Rex Braswell, Hattiesburg; and Clovis Harden, Grenada. They are now accepting applications.

A. C. Johnson is acting president.

S. L. Harris, president, resigned and has accepted a position as vice-president of Howard Payne University in Texas.

Clarke Loses A Friend



When W.H. "Bill" Gallaspy died recently in Greenwood, Clarke College lost a loyal friend and supporter. Mr. Gallaspy, a native of Hickory, attended Clarke College and retained his interest in the affairs of the college throughout his life. After his move to Greenwood in 1947 and his wide involvement in the business and civic world, he

still remained ready to be of service to Clarke. He became a member of the Clarke College Board of Trustees in 1968 and remained a member, with the exception of rotation, until 1978. As a further evidence of support for Clarke, Mr. Gallaspy's widow, the former Mary Alice Wofford, requested memorials to Clarke College in his honor. In accordance with this request, a good sum of money has been given in memory of Mr. Gallaspy, with the expectation of additional gifts still being received.

In commenting on Mr. Gallaspy's devotion to Clarke, President-emeritus, Dr. W.L. Compere had this to say, "Bill Gallaspy was a loyal friend and supporter of Clarke College across the years, as well as a choice alumnus and trustee. He gave generously, not only financial support, but also his sound judgement, business acumen and wisdom. He was always willing to take time out from his own business to give attention to the problems, needs and opportunities of the school. His passing is a great loss to Clarke College."

January 3, 1979, The Newton Record 7A

Array Of Courses

Dr. Gary N. Garner, Dean of Academic Affairs, announces a broad selection of courses for the spring semester, including several night classes both for credit and non-credit.

In the Division of Language and Arts courses may be selected in Art, English Composition, English and American literature, Drama, German, Speed Reading, and from a full program of music courses, both class and private.

The Division of Religion offers surveys in Old and New Testament, Christian Doctrines, Preaching, Church Administration, and several Religious Education courses.

In the Division of Science, Mathematics, & Physical Education classes will be available in Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Health Education, and physical activity, such as tennis and volleyball.

The Division of Social Science & Business will provide a wide range of courses in History, Government, Psychology, Business, and Secretarial Science.

Registration will be on Monday, Jan. 8, 1979 in the Library from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Union Appeal
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Clarke College honor roll

Dr. Gary L. Garner, Academic Dean at Clarke College, has released the listing of those students appearing on the President's List and on the Dean's List for the Fall, 1978, semester. The President's List is composed of those students with all A's (4.00) for at least fourteen hours of academic work. The

Dean's List contains the names of those students with a B (3.30-3.99) average for the same number of hours.

Newton Countians on the Dean's List are as follows: Newton - Mary Burt, Celeste Garner; Conehatta - Jean Pilgrim, Kathy Thrash; Union - John Jeffries, Genny Jeffries, Barry McCord.

February 28, 1979, The Newton Record 5A

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The above picture shows Ralph Smith, chairman of deacons, and LeRoy Foster, vice-chairman, presenting a plaque to Brock.

Brock has been pastor of First Church, Gautier for over six years, during which time the church has made great strides in every area. The budget, staff and attendance have doubled; a new family life-education building has been constructed. Before going to Gautier in 1972, he was pastor of Oakland Heights Church, Meridian.

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Clarke Presents Great Decisions Series

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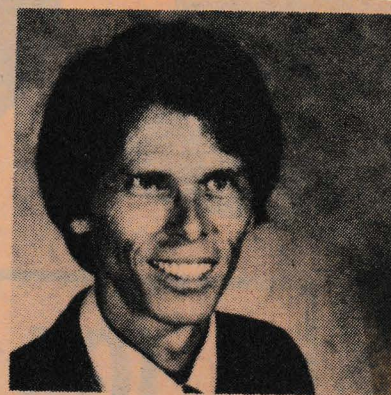
Clarke College is pleased to announce that the Great Decision '79 series of discussions will be offered at the college beginning on Monday night, Feb. 26. The series, to be held in the Sanders Memorial Library on the campus will meet from 7-9 each Monday night for ten weeks.

Great Decisions, now in the 25th year, is a national program that, with minimum time and effort, gives Americans of all ages and backgrounds the chance to learn and understand major foreign policy issues facing the U.S. and, ultimately, each and everyone of us. Some questions asked, and answered, during the Great De-

cisions '79 series are: "What U.S. trade policy can save your job and your shrinking dollar?" "How can we cope with terrorism?" "Who's the enemy in Black Africa — poverty, racism, or the Russians?"

Dr. Robert Mangrum, professor of history at Clarke, will lead the Series; he encourages all area residents interested in the affairs of our country and the world to register and attend each week's discussion.

For information on how to register and the cost, interested persons are asked to call Dr. Gary N. Garner, Academic Dean, at Clarke College, 683-2061.



ORGANIST TO PERFORM

Edward Ludlow, associate professor of organ and church music at Blue Mountain College, will present a recital on Tuesday evening, January 30, in the Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke College campus. The program will include works by Buxtehude, Bach, Franck and Pinkham and is open to the public.

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MUSIC STUDENTS HONORED

Two sophomore music students at Clarke College were honored by the student division of the Mississippi Music Education Association at a recent convention in Jackson. Kim Weems (left), of Metairie, La., was awarded a music scholarship. The scholarship, awarded on the basis of performance, scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and involvement in campus activities, is given each year to an outstanding student in music. For the talent performance, Miss Weems sang "Caro Nome" from Verdi's "Rigoletto." She is a voice student of Clark Adams and was accompanied by Calvin Permenter for the competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Weems of Metairie. Kim serves as secretary-treasurer of the local MMEA at Clarke. Amy Pitts, (center) of Terry, Miss., was elected vice-president of the state chapter of the MMEA. She will serve in this capacity for 1979 and advance to the presidency the following year. She is vice-president of the local chapter of the MMEA. Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pitts of Terry and plans a career in music therapy.

Mrs. Nell Adams (right), music instructor at Clarke, is sponsor of the local chapter of MMEA and serves as State Student Chapter Counselor.

Howard Payne Names Harris Vice-President

Robert L. Brooks, president of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, has announced the appointment of S. L. Harris, president of Clarke College, Newton, Miss. to the position of vice-president for student affairs. Harris has also been named professor of Sociology and will teach on a limited basis. He will assume his new duties on Jan. 15.

Howard Payne University is owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It was established in 1889 and is located 140 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Approximately 1,500 students are enrolled.

As vice-president of student affairs, Harris will coordinate all non-academic student services of the university. He will be assisted by a full-time staff of six people. Howard Payne is the alma mater of both Harris and Mrs. Harris, and their daughter Paula is a senior there now.

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The Carey College Choral dates from 1956 when Dr. Donald Winters, Conductor, came to the college as dean of the School of Music in the newly reorganized co-education Baptist College. Since that time the Choral has gained a wide reputation as an ensemble equally at home in both contempo-

rary and traditional forms. Through its national tours, recordings, and appearances before the Southern

Baptist Convention, the annual meeting, and the S Baptist Church Music Conference, its place as a significant force in the establishment of musical criticism in Baptist Colleges has been assured.

Members of the Carey Chorale are from cities and communities throughout the South, but are united in their efforts to present sacred choral music to its rightful place in the concert repertory. Twenty-five of the singers hold positions as choir director, accompanist, or soloist in various churches in the Hattiesburg area. A large percentage of Chorale members begin graduate studies immediately upon completion of their work at William Carey College, and many have earned doctorates and are teaching in colleges and universities in the South.

From the Clarke College concert series the Chorale will present Verdi's "Requiem".

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Union pianist to be in concert at Clarke College

A piano recital, featuring Miss Susan Neal, will be the sixth and final concert in the Newton-Clarke College Concert Series for this year. The concert will take place on April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke College campus. The public is invited to share in this final event of this series.

There is no admission charge.

Miss Neal, instructor of piano at Clarke, holds the Bachelor of Music from Belhaven College, the Master of Music from Southern Methodist University, and is presently working on her doctorate in music from the University of Southern

Miss Neal, prior to coming to teach at Clarke, she taught private piano and in the public schools in Kosciusko.

Miss Neal lives with her mother in Union, where she serves as pianist/organist for the Union United Methodist Church.

Included in the program for the concert will be works by Chopin, Copland, Mozart and Debussy.

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Noble To Be Presented In Voice Recital

NEWTON — Suzanne Noble, voice instructor at Clarke College, will be presented in a recital Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke campus.

A native of Brookhaven, Miss Noble has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Mississippi.

Included in the concert will be works by Richard Strauss, Gabriel Faure, and an aria from "Madame Butterfly" by Puccini.

This is the fourth in the Newton-Clarke College concert series being held at the college during the 1978-79 school year.

The fifth and final concert will be a piano recital featuring Susan Neal of the Clarke faculty on April 17.

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Clarke President Resigns

Citing health and family responsibilities as concerns requiring immediate attention, S. L. Harris pre-



S. L. Harris

sented his resignation as president of Clarke College at the December 5 meeting of the board of trustees. The resignation is effective Jan. 15, 1979. Harris' last day in his office will be Dec. 29.

Harris came to Clarke one and one-half years ago from a position at Tarrant County Junior College, Northeast Campus, Fort Worth, Texas.

The board of trustees accepted Harris' resignation with regret and is hosting a reception on December 15 as a farewell for the Harrises. Mrs. Harris has served as college librarian during the past 18 months. The reception will be held in the college cafeteria from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon Dec. 15. A cordial invitation to all Clarke friends and supporters is extended by the trustees, faculty and staff.

A. C. Johnson, director of Development and Alumni, has been asked by the Board of Trustees to serve as acting president for the interim period.

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Rankin Co. News

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College Notes

Melody Marks of Meridian is one of those students recently initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at the University of Mississippi.

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Debbie Gibson of Porterville has been elected secretary / treasurer of the Baptist Young Women's organization at Clarke College in Newton. Miss

Graduation Scheduled

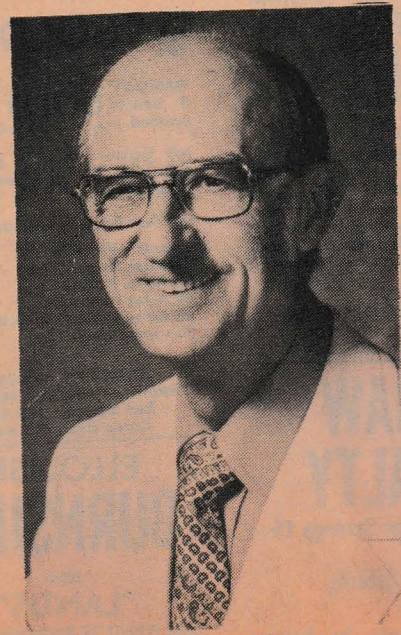
NEWTON — Graduation exercises for Clarke College will be held Thursday, May 10, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. Speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. L. Gordon Sansing of Meridian.

Also at Clarke College, professor L. Philip Dunaway has been accepted as a participant in the Institute for the Teaching of Post-Biblical Foundations of Western Civilization. The five week institute will be held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York from June 25 to August 3. Dunaway, a native of Hattiesburg, has taught Biblical studies at Clarke for the past three years.

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L. PHILIP DUNAWAY



L. GORDON SANSING

Sansing Speaks

Clarke College acting president Dr. A.C. Johnson has announced plans for the Clarke College graduation exercises. The event will take place on Thursday, May 10, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Newton. Speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. L. Gordon Sansing of Meridian.

Dr. Sansing has a long history of association with and support for Clarke College from his graduation in 1937. He later served on the Board of Trustees of the college. Following his Clarke days he graduated from Mississippi College and received his seminary training at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1944. Mississippi College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity in 1963.

He pastored churches in Mississippi, including Pelahatchie; First Baptist, Booneville; Crestwood and Broadmoor in Jackson before joining the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He spent twelve years with the Convention, serving as Secretary of Evangelism for Miss. He retired from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Grenada, and has since lived in Meridian. He pastors the Arrowood Baptist Church in Meridian and teaches in the Seminary Extension Center in Lauderdale County.

Dr. Sansing is in great demand as an evangelist and as a speaker for religious and civic events. Long active in Civitan, he has served as District Governor of the Miss. District of Civitan International, as Secretary of the Civitan International, and is currently president of the Meridian Civitan Club.

Music for the graduation ceremonies will be under the direction of Mr. Clark Adams and will feature the Clarke College Choir.

in general mission work, while Miss Wade will serve in Iowa.

The missions program is designed for Baptist college and university students to share their Christian faith in special missions assignments which are provided by the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Funds for travel and expenses come from participating students in the 26 state campuses which have active Baptist Student Union work. Students are planning to raise \$50,000 to support the student mission program in 1979. Last year they raised over \$43,000 to support 58 summer missionaries.

Professor To Attend Institute

Mr. L. Philip Dunaway, professor of Bible at Clarke College, has been notified of his acceptance as a participant in the Institute for the Teaching of Post-Biblical Foundations of Western Civilization. The

five week institute will be held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York from June 25 to August 3. Twenty teachers on the undergraduate level are chosen to participate in the Institute which was created by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The area of study covered is the large complex of religious, literary, and philosophic activity which characterized the Jewish world from the Alexandrian Conquest in 332 B.C. through the first five centuries of the Christian era.

Dunaway, a native of Hattiesburg, has taught Biblical studies at Clarke for the past three years. He holds the B.S. degree from Mississippi State University, the Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is completing work on his dissertation to receive the Ph.D. from Baylor University.

Dunaway is married to the former Laura Nell Lindley of Meridian; they are the parents of two children, Eric and Summers.

CLARKE TO HOST ECJC

The Clarke College Panthers will play host to East Central Junior College on Friday, March 30, in a doubleheader beginning at 5:00 p.m. Local supporters of both schools are invited to the Clarke playing field to support the teams as they meet for the first time this season.

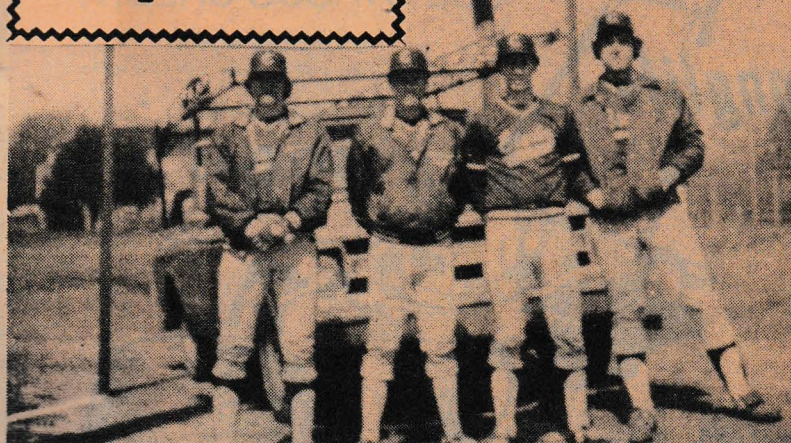
CLARKE CHORUS PRESENTS CANTATA

The Clarke College Chorus will be presented in an Easter cantata, "Easter Celebration," by Harold DeCou, on Thursday evening, March 29, at 7:00 o'clock. The performance, under the direction of Miss Suzanne Noble, will take place in the Recital Hall of Lott Fine Arts Building.

Soloists for the cantata are Edward Rhinewalt, Denice Houston, Frankie Lane, Cindy Cooper, Johnny Cook, and Toni Sloan. Narrator is Gaylon Smith and Joe Haywood is accompanist for the chorus.

The general public is invited to attend the presentation which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Sports



CLARKE RECEIVES SCOREBOARD

Clarke College baseball coach Rocky Katz (second from left) and three members of the Clarke Panthers team, Don Stewart of Jackson (left), Ricky Cavanaugh of Hickory (second from right) and Johnny Weatherford of Newton (right), take time out from warm-up for a game with the East Miss. Junior College players on Monday, March 5, to pose in front of the new electronic scoreboard the Coca-Cola Company has presented to Clarke to continue the up-grading of the baseball program of the college. The scoreboard, which is being used this season for the first time, will enable spectators to be in touch with the progress of the game. The Newton Coca-Cola Company has shown its support of the baseball program before and this new evidence of support provides incentive for Coach Katz and the Panthers to try even harder to develop a ball club of which Clarke supporters can be proud.

The Panthers will host Southwest Junior College this Thursday, March 8, and will travel to Scooba for a return match with EMJC on March 16.

Newton area supporters are cordially invited to attend the Panther games and support Clarke's baseball program.

Panthers Bounce Back To Win End Of Double Header

By: Mike [Bunk] Bunkley

CLARKE COLLEGE—Clarke College was again humiliated by visitors. This time it being East Miss. Junior College. After many mistakes by Clarke, they were beaten 19-0.

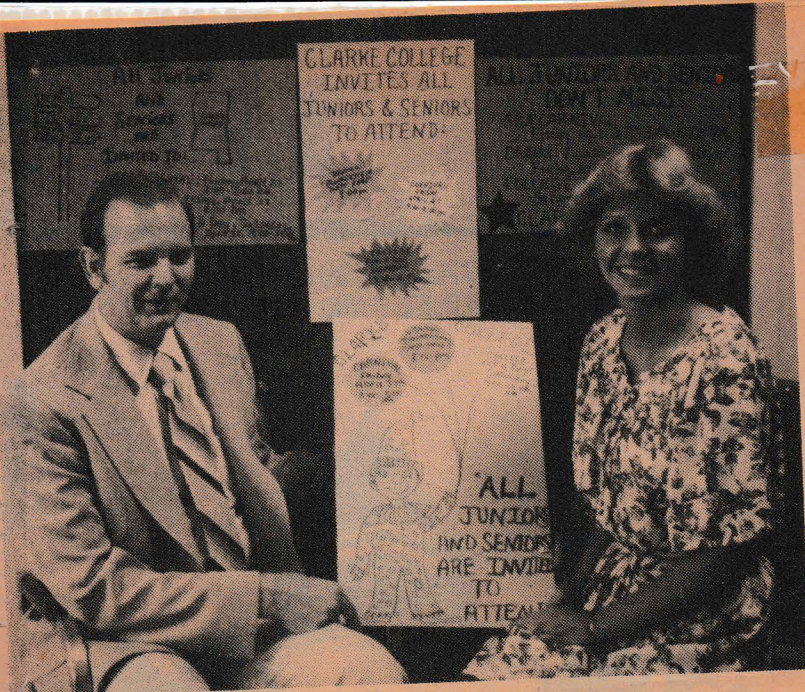
The scene was set for the next ballgame. As the defense of the Panthers toughened to allow only one run in the first inning. Clarke then came to bat and got two quick hits by Ricky Cavanaugh and Don Stewart which led to two runs. And for the first time all year Clarke led in a ballgame.

But the Lions were hungry for another win. Coming right back in the second inning to tie the score at two all. The game went to the fourth inning before Clarke was again to score two runs. These came after Mike Bunkley and Charlie Overstreet were walked. Suddenly they were sacrificed around to cross the plate. Clarke again led 4-2, but the Lions of EMJC, were not to be denied as they came back to tie it all up again in the top of the sixth inning. So we went into the seventh and final, all tied up. EMJC scored

on an error.

Clarke then defended the Lions down. The Panthers came to needing a run to tie. Clarke hungrier than a tie. They were going for the two to win. Sid Cook started it off with a line shot to right field. Surely a single. Cook's speed and hustle turned into a double. Cavanaugh reached first on an error. That scored speedster Cook. Cavanaugh showed some speed himself, as he stole second base. EMJC's coach then used some defensive strategy. He intentionally walked Danny I and Don Stewart to load the bases. So the defense would have a fielder out at any base. Johnny Weatherford hit a shot to the Lions third baseman, who fielded it cleanly. But Cavanaugh was forced out at the plate. With one out, Mike Bunkley stepped to the plate hitting a line drive over the center-fielders heads, emptying the bases and giving Clarke an 8 to 5 victory.

The Panthers now 1-3 on the season will host Southwest Jr. College for another double-header, Thursday, March 8 at one o'clock. The Panthers urge Newtonians to come out and give their support.



Plans College Day

Dianne Barnes (right) of Raleigh, sophomore representative on the Student Body Association Council and chairman of the carnival activities, discusses plans with Clarke's Director of Admissions Allen Parnell (left) who has general supervision of the activities surrounding the Spring guest day, "College For A Day" on Saturday, April 28.

Clarke Plans For Guests

Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, have been set aside for special activities at Clarke College honoring high school guests. The weekend will begin at 3:00 p.m. Friday with a Student Body Association sponsored "Carnival" on the circle at Clarke. Different campus organizations will set up booths and activities for Clarke students and guests to enjoy. Following the Friday afternoon Carnival a Singspiration will take place on the circle and a repeat of the Drama Workshop comedy, "Frankenstein Slept Here" will be staged in the Lott Fine Arts Building at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's "College For A Day" activities will get underway at 9 a.m. and will conclude with a complimentary lunch at noon. The morning schedule will include campus tours, faculty-student conferences and entertainment.

All area high school juniors and seniors are cordially invited to visit Clarke at this time and discover the advantages of quality education in a Christian atmosphere. Further information can be obtained by contacting Clarke Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Allen Parnell at 683-2061.

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neared sale dates.

In 1978, the Maryland Food Committee decided wasted food and hungry people could be brought together. Now the Mary-

Mississippians are headed for overseas

A college professor, a pastor, a former student worker, and another pastor formerly in Mississippi were



among appointees named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its meeting in Birmingham April 13.

Philip and Laura Dunaway of New-

Whittington ton were named missionaries to Brazil where he will teach seminary and she will be a home and church worker.

Dunaway is chairman of the division of religion at Clarke College, a division of Mississippi College. He is also interim pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Newton.

Born in Jackson, Miss., Dunaway is a graduate of Mississippi State and earned the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary and the Ph.D. degree from Baylor University. He worked as a college teacher in Killeen, Tex., and as an assistant chemical engineer in Muscle Shoals, Ala. Along with his wife he also was a US-2 missionary for the Home Mission Board in Boyne City, Mich. Mrs. Dunaway, the former Laura Lindley, born in Meridian, is a graduate of Meridian Junior College and Mississippi State.

The Dunaways have two children: Eric Boyd, born in 1973; and Summers, born in 1978.

Warren and Joanah Rush of Laurel were appointed to a renewable four-year term in Senegal in West Africa where he will be an English-language pastor and she will be a home and church worker. He is pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Laurel.

A Mobile native, Rush is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Southwestern Seminary where he earned the master of divinity degree. He served in North Africa during World War II and was pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., for 20 years.

Mrs. Rush is the former Joanah Hull, born in Taylorsville, Miss., who

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Philip and Laura Dunaway



Warren and Joanah Rush



Daniel and Sharon Bradley

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Calvin Permenter, pianist, will be presented in recital in the Lott Fine Arts Building at Clarke College, Thursday night, February 8, beginning at 7:30. The general public is invited to attend this concert, sponsored jointly by Clarke College and the Newton Music Lovers Club, who is hosting a reception in Mr. Permenter's honor following the recital. Permenter, a native of Meridian, is instructor of piano and theory at Clarke.

Permenter Dazzles Audience

BY NANCY WILLIAMS

On Feb. 8, 1979, in the Lott Fine Arts Auditorium on the Clarke College campus, Calvin Permenter, a Clarke College faculty member and Meridian native, gave a virtuoso performance on the piano. His talent certainly places him among the few outstanding Mississippi born musicians; Leontyne Price would be another example.

This writer has heard such internationally known pianists as Rudolf Serkin, and feels the Permenter performance would compare favorably with Serkin concerts. Mr. Permenter says he was sixteen-years-old when he played before Mr. Serkin, and was pleased

to receive compliments from the eminent performer.

Mr. Permenter's program Thursday night consisted of: ENGLISH SUITE II IN A MINOR, by Bach; SONATA IN B MINOR, op. 58, by Chopin; NOCTURNE, op. 63, no. 6, by Faure; SONATA IN B FLAT MAJOR, op. 63, no. 7, by Prokofiev.

After receiving a standing ovation, Mr. Permenter played as an encore A BORD d'UNE SOURCE, by Franz Liszt.

The program was sponsored jointly by Clarke College and the Newton Music Lovers' Club. Members of the Music Lovers' Club served refreshments at a reception following the concert.

Clarke Professor To Present Paper

Dr. Robert G. Mangrum, professor of history and government at Clarke College, has been asked to present a paper entitled "The Bureau of Military Information, 1863-1865" at the Southwest Social Science Convention meeting in Ft. Worth, Texas, from March 28-31, 1979. The paper to be presented is from a chapter in Dr. Mangrum's doctoral dissertation, Edwin M. Stanton's Special Military Units and the Prosecution of the War, 1861-1865. Dr. Mangrum received the MA and the PhD degrees from

North Texas State University where he was president of Phi Alpha Theta, International History Honor Society, and was included in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at Clarke, Dr. Mangrum is Director of the Men's Dormitory and serves as advisor to the Student Body Association. Dr. Mangrum will also be attending the Organization of American Historians Convention in New Orleans from April 11-14.



DR. JOHNSON ACCEPTS SEARS CHECK

Clarke College acting President, Dr. A.C. Johnson, is shown accepting a Sears Roebuck Foundation check from Mr. R.T. Wall, manager of the Meridian Sears store. Also on hand for the presentation was Lewis Collins, manager of the Newton Sears store.

Clarke Receives Sears Grant

Clarke College is one of ten privately supported colleges in Mississippi receiving a grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The check was presented to Clarke's acting President Dr. A.C. Johnson by R.T. Wall, manager of the Meridian Sears store.

The Mississippi colleges and universities are among over 1,000 private accredited two and four year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,500,000 in Sears

Foundation funds for the 1978-79 academic year. Funds may be used unrestrictedly as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation each year conducts a variety of special purpose programs in elementary, secondary, higher, and continuing education. Altogether, the Foundation had expenditures of almost \$2,500,000 in 1978 for its education activities.

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Clarke College . . .

Mississippi Baptists hold the key

According to reports from officials of the administration of Clarke College, support for the college dropped off drastically when it was announced that the Southern Baptist Education Commission was being asked to study the situation at Clarke College to see how its ministry might be improved.

It seems that many people thought that the study was to be an easy way of saying that the college had no purpose to serve and therefore should be closed. This is not the case. It will be remembered that the request for the study came as a joint recommendation from the Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Commission and the Clarke College Board of Trustees. It is not likely that either of these bodies would have proposed measures that they felt would result in closing the college.

Readers will recall that subsequently both the Mississippi Baptist

Convention Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention accepted the recommendation without a dissenting vote in either body.

No. If Clarke College is closed it will be Mississippi Baptists who close it. As long as Baptists in this state support the college, there is no study or deliberative body going to close it.

How does one support a college? The main basis of support is in the sending of young people as students. If there are students in sufficient numbers going to school there, the extra money that is needed will be forthcoming.

Then why would a family send its young people to a Baptist junior college? The answer is because of the

type of education the young people will receive there. There is no question but that many high school graduates can enter into the college atmosphere and discipline more easily at a junior college than at a four-year school.

But there are tax-supported junior colleges that are less expensive, one might say. Surely this is not to be denied. The discussion, however, must return to the question of what type of education the family wants for its young people. What they would receive at a tax-supported junior college would be top quality. Let there be no misunderstanding of that. The added dimension that comes from education on a Baptist-supported college, be it

two-year or four-year level, is in the Christian perspective that is a part of it. This Christian perspective is not to be found in greater evidence anywhere than at Clarke.

So the fate of the college, now as it has been always, is in the hands of Mississippi Baptists. Decisions should not be made on a basis of feeling that the college should be saved so the family's children should be sent there. Rather they should be made on the basis of feeling that the family wants its children to have the Christian education that is available there.

If there is ample evidence of that need for service, Clarke College will continue to serve.

Alumni Homecoming

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 — beginning 9:00 a.m.

Clarke College

Newton, Mississippi — Phone 683-2061

"The place where two friends first met is sacred to them all through their friendship, all the more sacred as their friendship deepens and grows old." Phillip Brooks

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Editor:

Clarke College has been around for a long time. Many lives have been transformed on the campus at Clarke. One can find there Christian education at its best.

I entered Clarke College as a full-time student in the fall of 1979. The uniqueness of the school was very impressive to me. There was such a sweet spirit which permeated every phase of life on campus. The students were family. Everyone cared about the other person. Many of my best friends today are those I met at Clarke College.

I will always be indebted to the professors at Clarke. Not only were they interested in one's grades but they were also interested in the whole person. Dr. C. H. Melton, professor at Clarke, made an indelible impression upon my life. He instilled within me a love for God's Word and a deep appreciation for Southern Baptists. Dr. Mary Jane Myers, who is the head of the Division of Elementary Educa-

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tion, loved her students with sacrificial love. She spent hours after classes counseling with students who needed help. She has a great insight in spiritual things. Dr. James Reec now dean of Clarke College, is a splendid history teacher. Daily he exemplified the Christ-like life. Men like Dr. Eddie Ruddick and Rev. J. E. Costilow, have contributed so much to Clarke and to Southern Baptists. Mrs. Evelyn Williams, director of financial aid, has helped hundreds of students in financial aid. She goes the second mile when it comes to helping students.

Clarke College offers a well-rounded education. I encourage parents and high school seniors to consider Clarke College for a Christian education. Clarke offers various programs with a Christian perspective. Give Christian education a chance. Try Clarke College.

Terry Williams "1981"
Pastor
Mantee Baptist Church



Overall Science Fair Winner

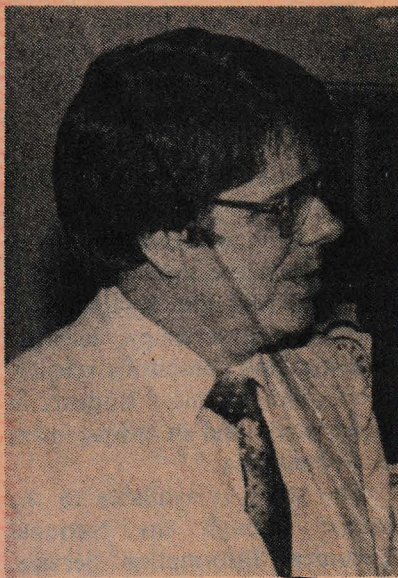
Taking the overall Newton County Science Fair honors last Wednesday was Maura Hamrick (right) of Hickory. Dr. Mary Jayne Myers (left) of Clarke College, presented the winning cash prize and certificate to the winner. Maura Hamrick will advance to the Region V Science Fair at Mississippi State University on March 26 and 27. Maura entered her exhibit in the category "Environmental Science."

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Hardy Denham Resigns



Hardy Denham

Hardy R. Denham, Jr., who has served as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton since May, 1968, announced his resignation at the close of the morning worship service on Sunday, July 25. The request that he be relieved of his responsibilities becomes effective on October 31.

During his fourteen years of service the First Baptist Church has renovated the sanctuary building, and enlarged its facilities by the purchase of the Haugh property on West Church Street and the building of a 13,000 square foot Family Life Center. The church budget has grown from \$86,000 in 1968 to more than \$250,000 at the present, and mission giving has increased from \$36,400 in 1968 to \$77,000 in 1981. The church has paid off two major loans and is now debt free. More than 700 people have united with the church during Mr. Denham's ministry, almost 200 of these coming for baptism.

Rev. Denham's denominational service during his pastorate

Newton has included six years on the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission, serving as secretary for five years and chairman for two years. He preached at both the 1974 and 1975 annual meetings of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, delivering the annual Convention Sermon in 1975. He was given a freedom award by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge in 1975, and given an award by the Sunday School Board of the SBC at the Southern Baptist Convention in 1978. He has authored several books and written for Baptist publications and curriculum material for the Sun-

day School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a popular preacher in both denominational and church meetings, as well as on college campuses.

The Denham's came to Newton from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Ellisville, Mississippi. They were back in Ellisville on Sunday, July 11, where Rev. Denham preached for the Centennial Celebration of the First Baptist Church there.

The Denham's plan to remain in Newton where Rev. Denham will continue his writing and do evangelistic preaching.

Clarke College Honor Roll

Dr. Gary N. Garner, Academic Dean, recently released the honor roll for Spring, 1982, at Clarke College, Newton.

The President's List is composed of students who have made a quality point average or 4.0 (A), and the Dean's List, composed of students with a quality point average of 3.30 to 3.99.

Students making the President's List for Spring, 1982, are: Jimmy Jay Jones, Vicksburg; Endal Lee, Mobile, Ala.; Joye Nell McAlpin, Mathiston; Neal Keith Moore, Prattville, Ala.; James W. Twil-

beck, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Michael Waldrip, Walls.

Students making the Dean's List for Spring, 1982, are: Kathy Bailey, Huntsville, Ala.; Brian B. Britt, Brooksville; Delissa Lynn Britt, Brooksville; Larry A. Chouccoli, Ruleville; Doris Ann Davis, Tillatoba; Lewana Jo Lewis, House; Robert Van Mitchell, Conehatta; Delynda Moseley, Lake; Marilyn Phillips, Forest; Dianne Schellbach, Hickory; and Jean Scoggin, Chucky.

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JORDAN ANDREW READ

Dr. and Mrs. James C. Read of Newton proudly announce the birth of their son, Jordan Andrew, on May 28 at Jeff Anderson Memorial Hospital. He weighed nine pounds. His mother is the former Sandra Ann Jordan (Sandy) of Union.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jordan of Union and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Read of Louin share the honor of being the proud grandparents.

Jordan Andrew is welcomed home by his sister, Sonya Kaye Read.

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Miller Brewer And Henderson Sign At Clarke College

Tom Prather, Women's Basketball Coach at Clarke College, Newton, announced recently the signing of three members of the San Hill basketball team to athletic grant-in-aids at Clarke.

Carolyn Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Miller of State Line; maintained a 19 point per game average her senior year to spark Sand Hill to a 18-9 record. Miss Miller was named All District, All Conference, and All Green County for four years. She was named Most Valuable Player for three years. She was also a member of the FHA and was

homecoming maid her senior year.

Jackie Brewer was a four year starter at Sand Hill and was selected All Conference for two years and All District for three years. She was also chosen as Best Offensive Player for two years. Miss Brewer was selected as Most Beautiful at Sand Hill and served as Greene County's Junior Miss. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brewer.

Tina Henderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson of Richton. She was a starter for three years at Sand Hill and was elected Best Defensive and Most Improved

player. She was named to the All Conference Honorable Mention Team. Miss Henderson was a member of the Beta Club and FHA and was selected to the Homecoming Court and participated in the annual Beauty Pageant.

Ed Walley is Women's Basketball Coach at Sand Hill. Prather stated that he was excited to have been able to sign three players of such outstanding quality as Brewer, Henderson, and Miller. "They should be the nucleus of a first rate women's basketball program at Clarke," he stated.

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Clarke Inks Newton Stars

Alfred Williams (left) and Darrell Donald, both of Newton, recently signed Athletic Grants-In-Aid with Clarke College. Williams and Donald both received numerous school and conference honors throughout their high school careers. Tom Prather (standing left), Clarke basketball coach, commented that he believed both Williams and Donald would see a lot of action for the Panthers this fall. John Williams is the Newton men's basketball coach.

Poole, Smith Sign Grants-In-Aid With Clarke College

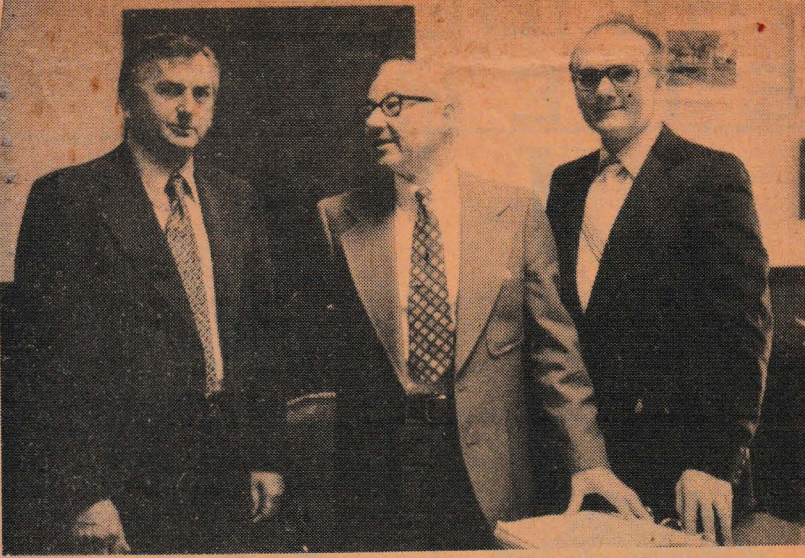
Donna Poole, Newton, and Kathy Smith, Forest, both Women's Basketball standouts at Newton County Academy, recently signed athletic grants-in-aid with Clarke College. Tom Prather is Women's Coach at the Baptist College.

Poole averaged ten points per game in 1982 for the Generals and was named to the All Tournament Team in Sub-District. She was also a member of the All-Conference Team.

Smith was named All-Conference in 1980 and 1982, was named all tourney at Jeff Davis, Clarke and Lamar. She was chosen All Sub-District in 1980-81 and received the Best Offensive Award in 1980-81. Smith also averaged 10 points per game.

Rodgers Rahaim is the Women's Basketball Coach at NCA.

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PARTICIPANTS IN CLARKE TASK FORCE MEETING

Dr. Paul Atkins (left), Dr. Charles Melton (center) and Dr. Morton Rose (right) were three of the participants in the Task Force for Work with the Blind meeting recently at Clarke College.

Task Force Meets At Clarke College

Members of the Southern Baptist Convention's joint board "Task Force for Work with the Blind" met recently on the Clarke College campus. The group was organized to implement the O'Shields Resolution adopted by the SBC in Kansas City in 1977. The work of the Task Force is jointly shared by the Home Mission Board and the Baptist Sunday School Board with each board providing three members. Representing the Sunday School Board are Dr. Morton Rose, the Board's Director of the Office of Planning; Rev. Eugene Chamberlain, Director of the Board's section for publishing special literature; and Mr. Eugene Cole, a stenographer at the S.S. Board, who is himself blind. The Home Mission Board members are Dr. Paul Atkins, Chairman of Social Ministries for the HMB; Rev. Cecil Etheredge, HMB National Consultant on Blind Ministry; and Dr. Charles Melton,

professor of Religious Education at Clarke College and Director of Associational Missions for Newton County.

The group has met regularly in Atlanta and in Nashville to present study papers and review findings relating to materials for and involvement of blind persons in the life of our Southern Baptist churches. The next meeting of the Task Force will be held in Nashville, in April.

The Task Force met at Clarke on a Wednesday and shared the chapel hour with students. Mr. Cole sang and received a standing ovation from the students. Dr. Rose spoke to the students on the fact that we are all handicapped in some manner, but none more so than those who do not know Jesus. He challenged the students to see the needs of the world and do something to meet them.



CLARKE PROVIDES GOOD NEWSSTAND

Rev. J. B. Costilow, Director of Religious Affairs at Clarke College, stands beside the "Good Newsstand" which has been set up in his office in Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke campus. The stand was presented to the college by Miss Edwina Robinson in a recent visit to the campus. Miss Robinson is the co-ordinator for the American Bible Society distribution in Mississippi. A variety of Bible Society publications will be available at all times in Rev. Costilow's office and will be open to members of the Clarke community as well as residents of Newton and surrounding areas. In addition to the "Good Newsstand" an exhibit of American Bible Society materials is on show in the display case in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building. Information concerning the newsstand and display can be secured by calling Rev. Costilow at 683-3941.



Miss Suzanne Noble, instructor in voice at Clarke College and Director of the Clarke Chorus, will be presented in a voice recital on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke campus. Miss Noble, who is in her first year at Clarke, has wide experience in performing, having been soloist for churches, sung in oratorios, directed choirs and congregational singing, and performed in opera and musicals. She is a native of Brookhaven and holds both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music from the University of Miss.

Included in the concert will be works by Richard Strauss, Gabriel Faure, and an aria from "Madame Butterfly" by Puccini. Miss Noble will be accompanied by Calvin Permenter, also of the Clarke music faculty.

This is the fourth in the Newton-Clarke College concert series being held at Clarke during the 1978-79 school year. The public is cordially invited to attend these concerts. The fifth and final concert will be a piano recital featuring Miss Susan Neal of the Clarke faculty on April 17.



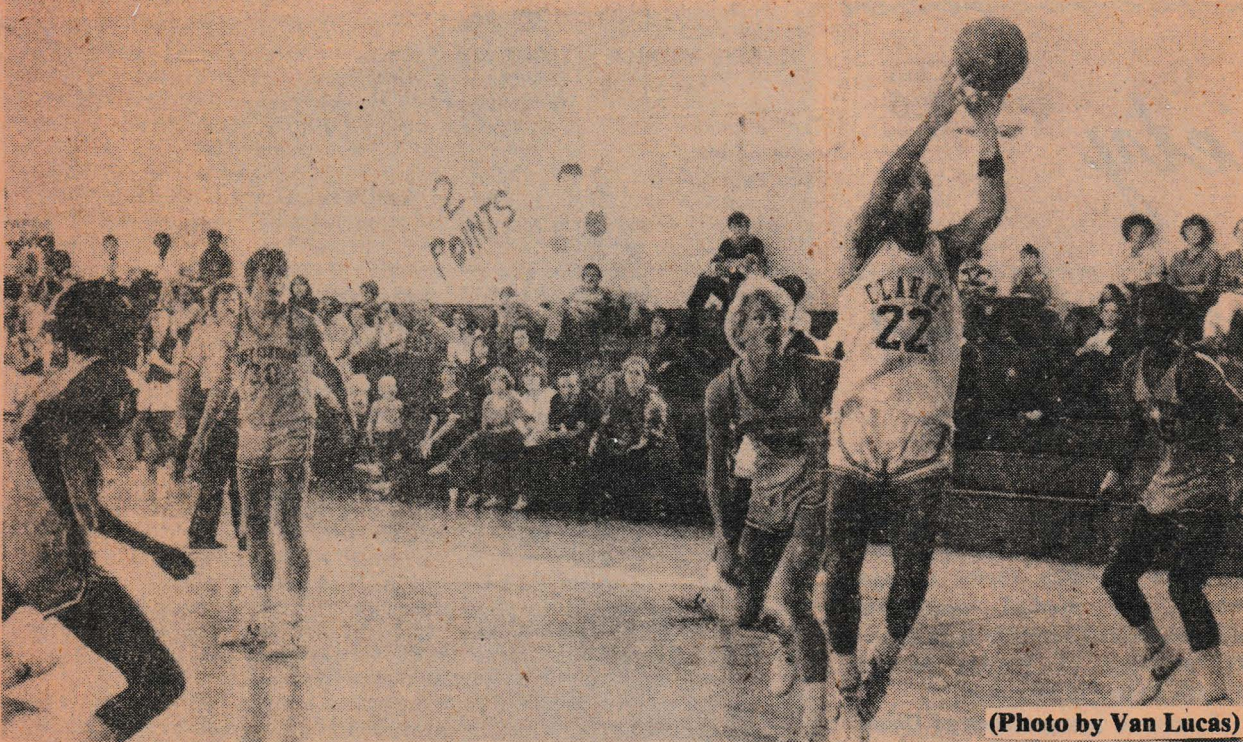
SUSAN NEAL

Piano Recitals Completed

A piano recital, featuring Miss Susan Neal, will be the sixth, and final, concert in the Newton-Clarke College Concert Series for this year. The concert will take place on April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke College campus. The public is invited to share in this final event of this series. There is no admission charge.

Miss Neal, instructor of piano at Clarke, holds the Bachelor of Music from Belhaven College, the Master of Music from Southern Methodist University, and is presently working on her doctorate in music from the University of Southern Miss. Prior to coming to teach at Clarke, she taught private piano and in the public schools in Kosciusko. Miss Neal lives with her mother in Union, where she serves as pianist/organist for the Union United Methodist Church.

Included in the program for the concert will be works by Chopin, Copland, Mozart, and DeBussy.



(Photo by Van Lucas)

Clarke Falls To EC; Blasts Southeastern 104-75

Last Saturday afternoon the Panthers of Clarke College fell to East Central's Warriors 98-83. The game was close until midway through the last half when East Central pulled out after trailing by four points. East central had a good day shooting as they connected on 53% of their floor shots. Eddie Griffin led all scorers with 40 points for ECJC followed by Ken Eiland, 17, Mike Shirley 15 and Joe Kennamer with 12. Bobby Thompson and Sam Thompson led Clarke

with 21 each while Kennedy Gamble scored 18 and Gordon Baker 10.

Monday night in the NHS gym it was a different ballgame as Clarke turned away the Sabers of Southeastern in Birmingham 104-75. Clarke really got its offense rolling by scoring 52 points in each half. The Panthers led 52-39 at the half. Bobby Thompson led the scoring with 29 followed by Kennedy Gamble with 17, Ronnie

Falvey 16 and Sam Thompson 10. Bobby Thompson also pulled down a game high 17 rebounds and Gamble had 9.

Clarke now plays host to the Bulldogs of Holmes Junior College Friday, Nov. 20 and then the defending state champions Gulf Coast Junior College on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Both games will be played in the NHS gym at 7:30 p.m. Come out and Support the Panthers of Clarke College.

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Clarke Panthers

Finish At 16-15

Coach Joe Gibbon's Clarke Panthers took Pensacola JC in a pair and then split with Holmes JC to complete the '82 campaign at 16-15.

In a real struggle ace righthander Brian Long shut down PCC on 3 hits while Jeff May and Glen Sanders scored for a 2-1 victory.

The nitecap had ample fireworks in the second stanza when Clarke bombarded PCC pitching for six runs enroute to the 6-1 win. James Trammel collected 3 for 4 while Lurch Parten tossed a three-hitter.

Clarke hung on to fight off a late Holmes surge to win the opener 10-8 as Gordon Baker, Brian Long and Lurch Parten belted homeruns. Doug Lycette was the winning pitcher.

Holmes bunched only 5 hits with 8 walks to produce a 7-5 win in the second half of the double-header.

Brian Long blasted a two-run shot in the first frame and Lurch Parten equalled the feat in the

second but Clarke could manage but one lone score in the final five at bats. Todd Pillsbury was 3-4 while Parten was tagged with the loss.

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Clarke College Panthers

Standing left to right: Kennedy Gamble, Calvin Couch, Dave Forehand, Doug Lycette, Bobby Thompson, Dwayne Parten, Ronnie Page, Glen Sanders, Brian Long, Coach Joe Gibbon. Keeling: Tim Thomas, Todd Pillsbury, Pete Pearce, Ken Bradley, James Tramel, Jeff Cumberland, Jeff May, and Gordon Baker.

Clarke Takes Two From Holmes Junior College

Joe Gibbon's Panthers put together an offensive drive Monday which featured thirty-one hits, including six home runs to take a pair from Holmes Junior College 14-1, 16-10.

Clarke mainstay Brian Long from Mantachie was the winning pitcher in the first game. Copeland took the loss. In the second inning Dwayne Parten, Meridian, hit the first home run of the contest. In the third inning Ken Bradley, Tupelo, hit the second. He was followed by Long and Glen Sanders, Saltillo, to make three home runs in succession in the third inning. Leading hitters were Bradley (4-5), Parten (3-3), and Dave Forehand, Pensa-

cola, (3-3). The ten run rule was called after four and one half innings.

In the second game southpaw Parten started and was strong for three and one half innings. Bobby Thompson, Pensacola, took over, got the win, and lasted through six. He was relieved for the final three outs by Long. Fouche was the losing pitcher.

The Panthers put together 16 hits in the second game. Long was 4-4 with another homerun. Ken Bradley also hit his second home run of the day, a grand slam.

The Panthers play again on Thursday, April 1 when they face Utica at Utica.

Clarke Women Down Southwest 69-68 Panthers Lose 89-70

The Clarke College women's team won their first game of the season last Monday night with a 69-68 victory over the Lady Bears of Southwest Junior College. Carolyn Miller hit a jump shot with only one second remaining to give the Lady Panthers the win. Denise Arrington led the team in scoring with 21. Shellee Moore had 12, Sandra Cooks 11, Faye Falvey and Ann Adkins each had 10. Debbie Doerner led Southwest with 17.

The Lady Panthers had a good night shooting as they hit 48% from the floor and 63% from the free throw line. Clarke had fallen behind at half 31-29 but came back to build a 7 point lead in the second half. Southwest rallied to take the lead with 16 seconds remaining, setting the stage for Miller's game winning shot.

The men's team had a poor night shooting as they could only hit on

33% of their shots. Southwest completely dominated the boards and had as a tremendous night shooting as they hit 65% from the floor.

Gordon Baker led the Panthers in scoring with 19 points. James Martin had 27 for Southwest.

The Lady Panthers travel to Clarksdale Thursday night to play Coahoma while the men host Landmark College of Haines City, Fla., Saturday at home. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Monday night, November 15, both teams host Meridian Junior College in Newton with the women's game beginning at 6:30 p.m. All home games are played at Newton High School.

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Clarke College Students Wreck

David Forehand and Bobby Thompson of Pensacola, Fla., both students at Clarke College, were involved in an auto accident about 2 a.m. Tuesday as they crossed the Jasper County-Newton County

line on their way from Pensacola to Clarke. The car in which they were riding, left the road and burned. The Newton Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call.

Newton Ambulance Service

took both boys to the Newton Hospital where Thompson was treated for cuts and bruises

and released, and Forehand was transferred to Riley's Hospital in Meridian.

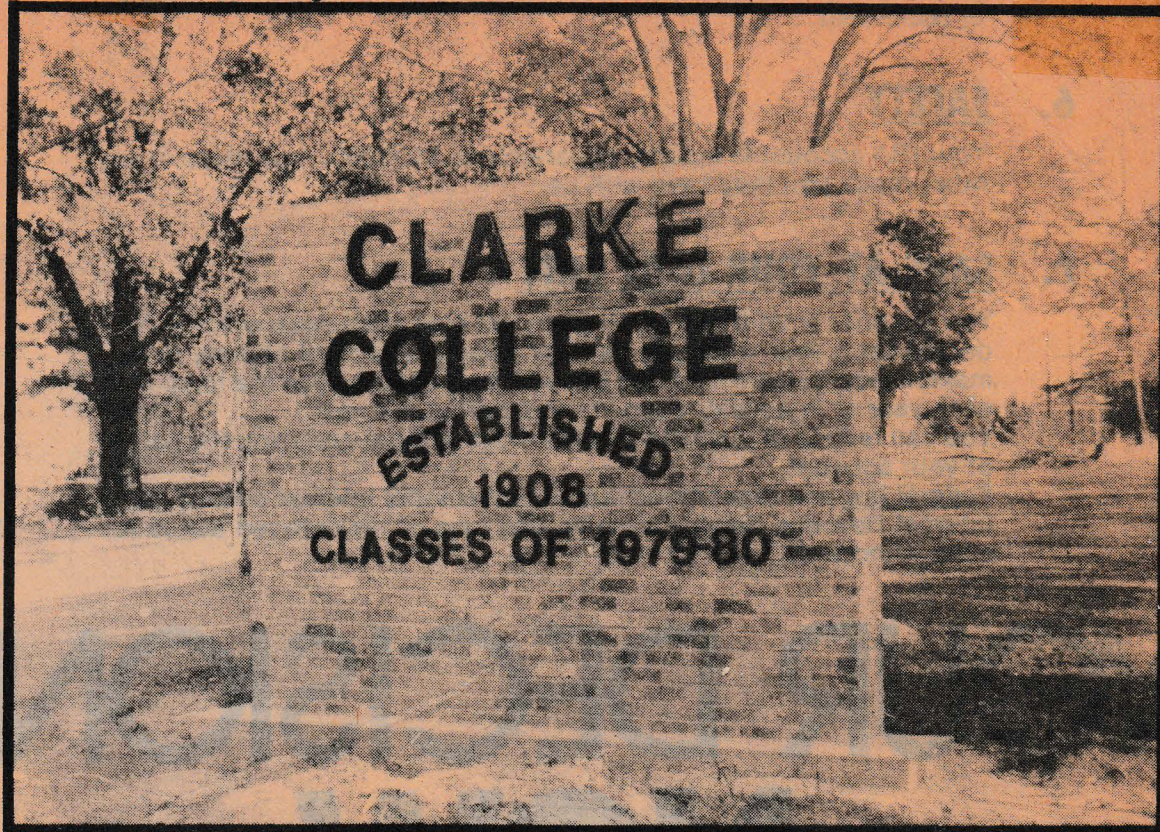
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Clarke BYW Elects Officers

The Baptist Young Women's organization at Clarke College has elected Denice Houston of Brandon to serve as President for the 1979-80 school year. Miss Houston, a freshman planning a career in physical therapy, will lead the campus group in study and support of mission causes. Serving with her

as Secretary/Treasurer will be Debbie Gibson of Porterville, with Jenny Lowery of Gulfport to be Social Chairman. The remaining officers will be elected at the beginning of the 1979-80 academic year. Mrs. Laura Dunaway is advisor to the BYW which is part of the Baptist Student Union at Clarke.

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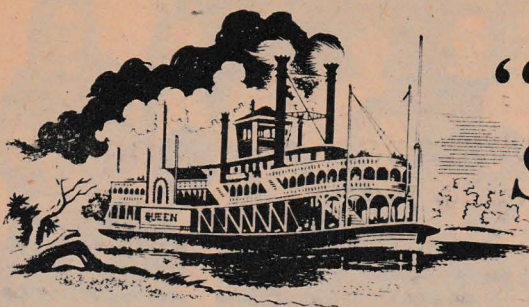
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A Commitment to Quality

May 1982

Learning by Experience

by Linda Grant
Director,
Personnel
Systems



Have you ever thought to yourself or heard a fellow employee say, "Don't tick me behind a desk all day. I want to be where the action is!"

It is not unusual for jobs in food service to attract action-oriented individuals who get a lot of satisfaction out of "tasting, smelling, hearing, seeing and feeling" what their business is all about.

Many people are paying special attention to this action-oriented characteristic. For instance, training specialists have associated this characteristic with a particular type of learning style.

That style is "learning by experiencing". This means not just being told abstract theories, but actually applying the concepts as they are learned. The fun part of "learning by experiencing" is that it can be creatively brought into a group setting in the classroom. And, Valley Food Service is doing just that.

With District Meetings being conducted every four weeks, Valley Food Service has taken a new twist in its training efforts for managers over the past few years. Not only are the concepts, such as inventory control, merchandising, security, time management, delegation and productivity being taught, managers are putting these theories directly into action in the classroom.

In this new environment, the main responsibility for learning is no longer the burden of the instructor. It is the responsibility of the participant.

During District Meetings, managers are encouraged to try out new ideas and concepts through role playing, case studies, brainstorming, and other familiar experiences. Once the managers get the hang of it in the

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Clarke College BAC Featured

Clarke College in Newton, Ms. was established by the General Association of Regular Baptist in 1907. The college was chartered in February 1908, and opened its doors as a senior college in September 1908.

The college was named in honor of Rev. Nathan L. Clarke, a prominent Baptist pastor for more than half a century in the east central Mississippi area.

Ownership of the college was transferred to the Mississippi Baptist Convention (Southern Baptist) in 1914, and has been operated since that date as a junior college.

In 1981, the Mississippi Baptist Convention approved the merger of Clarke College and Mississippi College, thereby allowing Clarke College to offer upper division and graduate work on the Newton campus.

Throughout its history the college has stressed its commitment to Christian values and its close ties to the Baptist churches in Mississippi.

Valley Food Service began operating



the food service for Clarke College on July 1, 1971, with John T. Holifield as the BAC Manager. John has been the permanent manager of this unit since its opening.

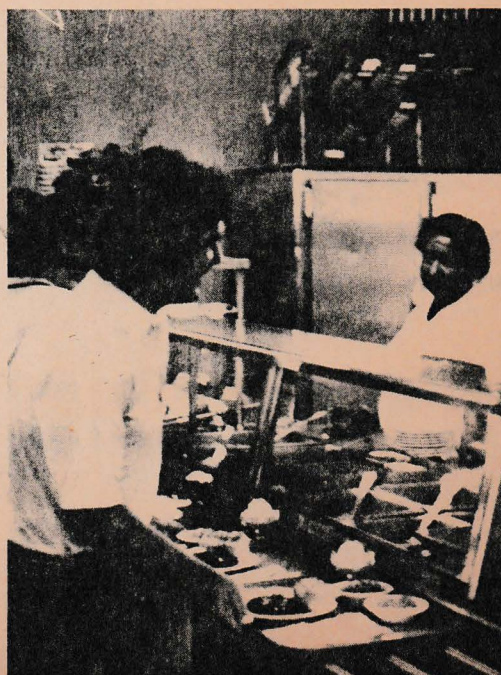
He is aided by an excellent staff which includes: Jerlean McDonald (11 years), Janie Skinner (ten years), Edna McDonald (eight years), Pinkie Walker (eight years), Robert Walker and Suzanne Spivey.

The manager and staff at this unit have an impressive record of over 48 years of service with VFS at Clarke College.

BAC 104 provides meals for approximately 200 students and faculty members and also caters all the special events for the college, including the Beauty Pageant and the Review Days.

John received the Outstanding Manager Award in 1972 for his excellent management of this BAC.

Valley Food Service has enjoyed a personal relationship with Clarke College for 11 years and looks forward to the continuation of this association for many more years.



**Success
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Hickory's Gibbon Reveals Best And Worst Of Career

I was researching some facts on past Meridian High baseball teams the other day when I ran across an amusing story.

There was a picture of a flat-topped Joe Gibbon, and a story quoting Cincinnati Reds manager Sparky Anderson as saying that Gibbon was the key to a hot streak the Reds were on back in the season of 1971.

I found it amusing because I've become friends with Gibbon, the ex-great at Ole Miss who is now head baseball coach at Clarke College in Newton.

Gibbon was a left-handed pitcher for three teams during his 13-year stay in the major leagues. His rookie season was with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1960, the team which beat the New York Yankees in the World Series with Bill Mazeroski's unforgettable home run.

He later played with the San Francisco Giants and Cincinnati Reds.

I glanced at a box score involving a game between the Reds and Pirates in '71, a game where Gibbon saved a game for Cincinnati, and it dawned on me that Gibbon played on the team which would become known as the Big Red Machine.

Pete Rose, Johnny Bench, Dave Concepcion, Tony Perez. . . they were all teammates of Gibbon.

The man has played with and against some of the greats of all times, played in some of the greatest parks of all time.

I decided to pay him a visit and ask him to jolt his memory a little bit for these questions.

Who was the toughest batter you ever pitched to?

I expected him to name Mickey Mantle or Willie Mays or some Hall of Famer.

Surprise.

"Remember a guy named Leo Cardenas?" Gibbon asked me. "He used to give me all sorts of trouble."

Cardenas, for the record, was a .257 lifetime hitter.

"I was a fastball, slider pitcher," Gibbon said, "and some of the dinky hitters gave me more trouble than the power guys."

"Cardenas was good at staying with the ball and hitting it the other way."

Who hit the longest ball off you?

His answer came quickly.

"Mantle," he said. "He hit one over the center field fence against me at Forbes Field in the '60 World Series."

"I threw him a fastball up and out over the plate. He lit it up."

Forbes Field was no cracker box. The fence was so far away in center field that they used to park the batting cage in front of it during games.

What player had the greatest year you ever saw, and when?

"Being partial to pitchers, I think it was the year Bob Gibson had the earned run average just over 1.00," Gibbon said.

Specifically, it was 1968, only a season after Gibson had been forced to the sidelines with a broken leg, compliments of a line drive.

In '68, Gibson was 22-9 with a 1.12 ERA; struck out 268 batters and walked only 62 in 305 innings; started 34 games, completed 28 and had 13 shutouts.

"The amazing thing about Gibson was that he was a fastball, slider pitcher," Gibbon said. "That means he was simply overpowering people."

What was your favorite park to pitch in?

"Forbes Field was big, but it would still go out of there," Gibbon said, remembering Mantle no doubt. "Forbes Field has its advantages and disadvantages. There was an awful lot of room in the outfield."

What was the toughest park to pitch in?

"Wrigley Field (in Chicago) was tough," he said. "The power alleys are so short there. A fly ball can be a home run."

Who was the best catcher you ever worked with?

I was really interested in his answer here because he worked with some great ones - Manny Sanguillen, Smoky Burgess, Johnny Bench, Tom Haller.

"Bench had the most talent of anyone I ever pitched to," Gibbon

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said. "He consistently caught the short-hop balls, and he simply had the overall talent."

Who was the best manager you ever played under?

Another interesting question because Gibbon played under some great ones - Danny Murtaugh, Anderson, Alvin Dark.

"There were some excellent baseball men who were poor handlers of men," Gibbon said. "And vice versa. Major League managers, for the most part, were guys who could handle people and handle a pitching staff.

"Anderson was a really good manager."

Who was the most dedicated player you ever saw?

Another quick answer.

"Pete Rose," he said. "We'd be in the shower after a game and Pete would be talking about who'd be the opposing pitcher five days from then.

"He's a total baseball man. He's sort of a flake. He's different. He's got a little hot dog in him. But he lives and dies baseball.

"I liked him. He was a dedicated person."

Gibbon said it surprised him that Rose, 42, was still going strong in the majors.

"He's sort of heavy-legged," he said, "and most heavy-legged players have more leg problems than the thinner guys."

Who was your favorite teammate?

He had some classics to pick from - Mays, Willie McCovey, Rose, Bench, Roberto Clemente, Dick Groat, Warren Spahn.

"Mays was a heck of a guy," he answered. "There were 24 guys, and then Mays. He did as he pleased, and nobody questioned it. But Willie had a heart of gold."

Who was the best player you ever saw?

"Clemente would have to be right there at the top," he said. "He wasn't strong like a power hitter, but he was a complete player.

"I'll bet I saw him throw out a dozen runners (from right field) who had singled and took a wide turn at first. He'd throw behind them.

"And he was the only guy I ever saw who could hit a baseball with his butt up in the stands. He didn't swing like you'd teach kids to, but he was a great one. The only way to pitch him was to move the ball around on him."

Who was the best team you ever saw?

"For overall talent, some of the Giant teams I played on," he said, "but we seemed to always finish second to the Dodgers.

"The '60 Pirates won it all, but nobody picked us to win it. A lot of what we did was due to momentum and believing we could win.

"And the Yankee team of 1960 was a good one, although we managed to beat them."

What was your biggest thrill in your 12 years in the majors?

"No doubt, making the '60 Series as a rookie," he said. "Even though I was the eighth, ninth or tenth pitcher, it was something to be a part of.

"To show you how big a deal it was, I stayed 12 more years and never made it again."

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AR 141 - DESIGN I..... 6:00 - 8:45 Mon.

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AR 090 - CERAMICS..... 6:00 - 8:00 Tues.

(Basic approach to learning ceramics for personal enjoyment, non-credit Continuing Education course.)

BB 207 - PREACHING..... 6:00 - 8:45 Mon.

(Methods of preparation and delivery of sermons and religious talks.)

BB 290-E STUDY OF EXODUS..... 6:00 - 8:00 Tues.

(9 wks - Oct. 4-Dec. 8----Preparation for January Bible Study)

BS 211 - PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING..... 6:00 - 8:45 Tues.

(Study of fundamentals of accounting theory and practice.)

SC 105 - GENERAL CHEMISTRY..... 6:00 - 8:00 TTh

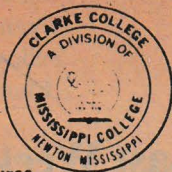
(Study of fundamental principles of the science of chemistry.)

SE 251 - OFFICE APPLIANCES..... 6:00 - 8:45 Thurs.

(Theory and practice in the operation of duplicating machines, dictation, transcribing and addressing machines, etc.)

SP 101 - ORAL COMMUNICATION..... 6:00 - 8:45 Mon.

(Basic principles of effective speech preparation and delivery for practical speaking experiences.)



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SUMMER SCHOOL — 1982

(First Term — May 31 — July 2)

Period	Time
1	7:00-8:30
2	8:45-10:15
3	10:30-12:00
4	12:15-1:15

Course Number	Sec.	Period	Course Title	Sem. Hrs.	Location	Instructor	Prerequisite
ENG 111	A	2 M-F	English Composition I	3	S-4	Dean	None
ENG 211	A	3 M-F	English Literature I	3	S-5	Dean	Eng 112
BBL 111	A	3 M-F	Old Testament Survey	3	S-4	Dunaway	None
SCI 111	A	1 M-F	General Biology I	4	S-8	Myers	None
SCI 111	1	2 M-F	General Biology Lab I	0	S-8	Myers	None
SCI 111	2	3 M-F	General Biology Lab II	0	S-8	Myers	None
SCI 251	A	M-TH 4 PM	Microbiology (May 31-July 29)	4	S-18	Myers	None
PED 104	A	4 M-F	Team Sports	1	Field	Myers	None
HIS 111	A	2 M-F	Western Civilization I	3	S-3	Read	None
HIS 141	A	3 M-F	Mississippi History	3	S-3	Read	None

SECOND TERM — JULY 6-AUGUST 6

ENG 112	A	2 M-F	English Composition II	3	S-4	Dean	Eng 111
ENG 212	A	3 M-F	English Literature II	3	S-5	Dean	Eng 211
BBL 112	A	3 M-F	New Testament Survey	3	S-4	Dunaway	None
SCI 112	A	1 M-F	General Biology II	4	S-8	Myers	None
SCI 112	1	2 M-F	Gen. Biology Lab II	0	S-8	Myers	None
SCI 112	2	3 M-F	Gen. Biology Lab II	0	S-8	Myers	None
PED 105	A	4 M-F	Gymnastics & Tumbling I	1	Gym	Myers	None
HIS 112	A	2 M-F	Western Civilization II	3	S-3	Read	His 111

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE OFFERINGS AT CLARKE COLLEGE First Term May 31 - July 2

ART 311	A	TBA	Painting	3	F-12	TBA	Instr's Cons.
ART 312	A	TBA	Painting	3	F-12	TBA	Instr's Cons.
ART 411	A	TBA	Painting	3	F-12	TBA	ART 211, 212, 311, 312
ART 412	A	TBA	Painting	3	F-12	TBA	ART 211, 212, 311, 312, 411
ART 411	Z	TBA	Painting	3	F-12	TBA	Grad. Level
ART 412	Z	TBA	Painting	3	F-12	TBA	Grad. Level
(Courses will meet twice weekly for 8 weeks)							
HIS 307	A	3 M-F	Miss. History	3	S-3	Read	MC Admiss.
PE 113	A	4 M-F	Volleyball-Softball	1	Field	Myers	MC Admiss.

SECOND TERM — JULY 6 - AUGUST 6

BIB 415	A	2 M-F	Exegesis of 1st Cor.	3	S-5	Dunaway	BIB 103-104
PE 101	A	4 M-F	Gymnastics	1	Gym	Myers	MC Admiss.

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EDU 500	Z	TBA	The School Principalship	3	TBA	TBA	
EDU 502	Z	TBA	Supervision of Pub. School Instr.	3	TBA	TBA	
EDU 524	Z	TBA	Teaching Skills of Reading, Comprehension	3	TBA	TBA	
EDU 535	Z	TBA	Curriculum Development	3	TBA	TBA	
EDU 553	Z	TBA	School Law	3	TBA	TBA	

*If any ten (10) persons need another class not listed above, arrangement will be made to offer it. REGISTRATION will be Tuesday, June 1, 1982 at 9:00 A.M. in S-5. The meeting time of classes which materialize will be set at that time.

For further information about summer offerings & fall programs call the Office of Admissions at: 683-2061

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Southwest J C

Downs Clarke 83-78

Panthers Host ECJC Saturday

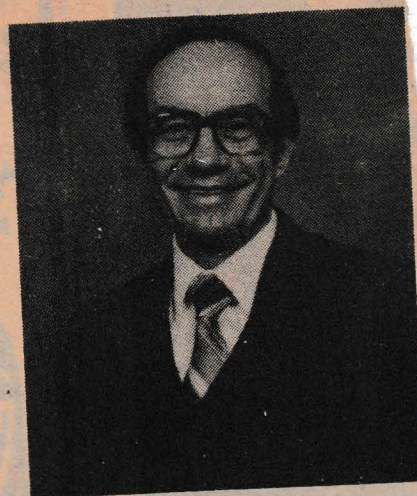
The Clarke Panthers traveled to Summit Monday night to tackle the Bears of Southwest JC. After jumping out to an early lead the Panthers fell victim to a very effective fast break and were beaten 83-78 after trailing at the half 37-35.

Southwest in their home opener used good field goal shooting to hold off Clarke. The bears hit on 50% of their floor shots to 41% for the visitors. Clarke managed to keep pace with the taller opponents on the boards as Sam Thompson pulled down 15 rebounds and Kennedy Gamble 10.

Gamble again led the Panthers in scoring as he had 34 points in his best offensive effort to date. Sam Thompson added 12 followed by Ronnie Falvey and Bobby Thompson with 10. Swindle led the Bears with 28 points.

The hard playing Panthers will host the Warriors of East Central Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. This game was originally scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The contest will be played at Newton High School. Come out and support the fighting Panthers and see exciting basketball.

Calvary Pastor Resigns



Rev. Henry Adams, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, has resigned as pastor of the church to accept the position of Director of Missions for Leake County Baptist Association.

Adams, his wife Magdaline and son George will be moving to 504 Darrill St. in Carthage, the last week in December.

Rev. Adams is a graduate of Clarke and Mississippi Colleges, and of the New Orleans Theological Seminary. He is a native of Leake and Neshoba counties, having served churches in Leake and Neshoba counties before coming to Calvary, August 1, 1976.

The Adams' have three married daughters: Cathie (Griffith); Jimmie Gayle (Nazary); and Angie (Smith).

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J. B. Costilow, Clarke College director of religious activities, has released the names of seven Clarke students who have been chosen by the Home Mission Board, SBC, to serve as student summer missionaries for ten weeks. Four students will be going to California. They are Dorothy Beaver, Forest; Chris Myers, Daleville; Paul Stupka, Bentonina; and Willie Watts, Houma, La. Joe Styron of Braxton will serve in Oklahoma and Amy Pitts of Terry will be assigned to New Mexico. Traveling to Missouri will be Burton Schmitz of Carrollton.



A. C. Johnson

Retirement is old hat to Johnson

By Don McGregor

A. C. Johnson, who was president of Clarke College when the machinery for merging it with Mississippi College began to operate, will "retire" (again) on Dec. 31.

Johnson was called out of retirement to spend 4½ years at Clarke, beginning as a classroom teacher. He had retired after a career in public education. During his first year at Clarke he was appointed director of development and then became president on the resignation of the former president, S. L. Harris.

Since the merger operation got under way with this school semester, Johnson has been involved in development at Mississippi College. His plans for the immediate future still do not give much of a hint of retirement. He will continue as the coordinator for a 10-county area for the Brotherhood Department. He is also the Brotherhood director for the Lauderdale Baptist Association. He lives in Meridian, where he has maintained a home for several years. He has served as moderator of the Lauderdale Association for two occasions.

While Johnson, a school man, is a layman, he says he is often looked upon as a preacher and fills the pulpit in churches regularly. This activity he also plans to continue.

In addition, he has been engaged to teach part-time at Meridian Junior College, beginning in January.

During his years in public education

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Retirement is old hat

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Johnson obtained a law degree from the University of Alabama. Education continued to claim his attention, however, and he never got around to pursuing a law career.

He started out as principal and teacher in a two-teacher school in Mississippi. He went from there to become a Mississippi high school principal and then spent three years in Alabama as a high school principal. His next move was to Meridian Junior College as director of adult education and from there he went to the University of Southern Mississippi for 13 years. Then he entered retirement for the first time.

Johnson is a graduate of East Central Junior College at Decatur and earned the bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He holds the master of arts degree from the University of Mississippi and the bachelor of laws and juris doctor degrees from the University of Alabama. He also holds the doctor of humane letters from the London Institute of Applied Research.

He went to Clarke in 1977 as chairperson of the division of social science and business and instructor in history and government. He became director of development in 1978.

Johnson said on the eve of his retirement that he sees the merger of Clarke and Mississippi College in a very positive way. "I believe it will prove beneficial to the Baptist educational program in Mississippi. I believe we will see an increase in the student body in another year," he said.

He added that he is grateful for having had the opportunity of serving at Clarke College. "It was a hard time for a good bit of the time," he said, "but I had some wonderful experiences."

Oldest SBC missionary

NEW YORK (BP)—Lelah C. Morgan, Southern Baptists' oldest retired foreign missionary, got a nationally televised birthday greeting Nov. 18.

Willard Scott, ebullient weatherman on "The Today Show," the NBC morning news telecast, congratulated Morgan on her 103rd birthday that day, and noted her 27 years of missionary service in China (1905-1932).

Reception will mark Meltons' 20th anniversary

The Newton County Baptist Association will give a reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Melton on Sunday afternoon, June 6, from 2 until 4 in the Family Life Building of First Baptist Church, Newton. The occasion will mark his 20th anniversary as the association's director of missions and hers as secretary to the director.

While serving also on the faculty and staff of Clarke College, the Meltons have led all the association's churches in the strengthening and development of their ministry. His effective work in associational missions has been recognized not only locally and in the state but also nationally. He has participated in many programs promoted by the Home Mission Board, SBC. He is a member of a joint task force representing several Southern Baptist agencies, in the development of some much needed Bible study and Christian training literature for the blind.

All of the churches in the association are making plans to participate in the program at the reception. Many people from over the state are expected to be in attendance. No formal invitations are being sent, but persons from all denominations are invited.

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(Programs for Adult Community Enrichment) Fall Semester 1981

(Courses begin the week of September 21st OR as indicated otherwise)
(All courses cost \$26.00, except for BBL 2911 & MUS 1391, which are reg. tuition)

ART 0921	5:00-7:00 (8 wks)	Thurs.	F-12	Beginning Painting	Armstrong
ART 0931	5:00-7:00 (8 wks)	Mon.	F-12	Intermediate Painting	Armstrong
ART 0971	6:30-8:30 (6 wks)	Thurs.	F-12	Floral Design/Decorating	TBA
BBL 2911	6:30-9:15 (6 wks - Oct. 1-Nov. 5)	Thurs.	S-5	Jeremiah	Estes
CAK 0911	6:30-8:30 (8 wks - Oct. 1-Nov. 19)	Thurs.	W Dorm	Cake Decorating	Rasmussen
CPR 0911	6:30-8:30 (4 wks)	Thurs.	S-4	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	TBA
PED 0911	6:30-8:30 (8 wks)	Mon.	Gym	Exercises	Brindlinger
MUS 1391	6:30-8:30 (12 wks)	Mon.	F-21	Beginning Piano	Snyder
MUS 0951	6:30-7:30 (12 wks)	Thurs.	F-26	Beginning Guitar	Chandler
SEC 0911	6:30-8:30 (8 wks)	Thurs.	S-2	Refresher Typing Course	TBA

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Clarke College Releases

Honor Roll

Dr. Gary Garner, dean of Academic Affairs at Clarke College recently released the roll of students achieving Academic honors for the fall semester. Clarke College, a division of Mississippi College, is a liberal arts college located in Newton.

Students who have made a quality point average of 4.0 are placed on the President's List. Those with an average of 3.30 to 3.99 inclusive are placed on the Dean's List. In order to be on the Honor Roll one must carry a

minimum of twelve hours of academic work for the semester.

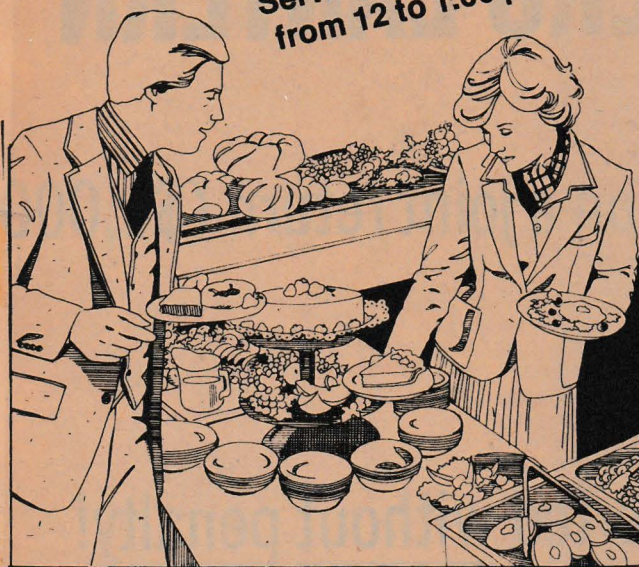
Students from our area making the President's List were: Kathy Sartain, Decatur.

Students making the Dean's List were: Nancy Abel, Lake; Patricia Brady, Newton; Edward Harrison, Newton; Lewana Lewis, Union; Delynda Moseley, Lake; John Clifton Purvis, Newton; Dianne Schellbach, Hickory; Danny Tarter, Newton and Deborah Williams, Newton.

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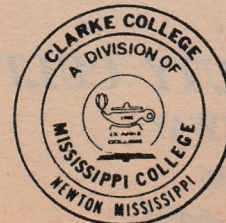
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Work group at Clarke

A group of six workers from Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson dedicated a day to Clarke College recently. The group was involved in scraping and painting parts of the gymnasium and dormitory. Standing from left: John Brashier, Frank Lawrence, Marium Oxley, John Bewley, minister of education at Broadmoor, and Bob Brashier. Kneeling are Tom Prather, Clarke basketball coach and dean of men, and Louis Jones.

Thomas E. and Tammy Mueller Fox will live in Moldova, where he will start and develop churches.

Since 1990 he has been pastor of Bethlehem Church in Morton.

Born in Pascagoula, Fox is the son of Betty Fox of Irvington, Ala., and the late William J. Fox. His father was pastor of First Church in Irvington. 1988

Fox received the associate of arts degree from Clarke College in Newton, the bachelor of arts degree from MC, and the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He was pastor of Steele Church in Forest.

Born and reared in Moundsville, W. Va., Mrs. Fox is the daughter of Stella Littleton and John R. Mueller, both of that city.

She received the associate of arts degree from Clarke College and the bachelor of science in education degree from MC. Since 1993 she has been a teacher with Scott County Schools.

The Foxes have two children: Tabitha Sue, born in 1983; and John William, 1984.

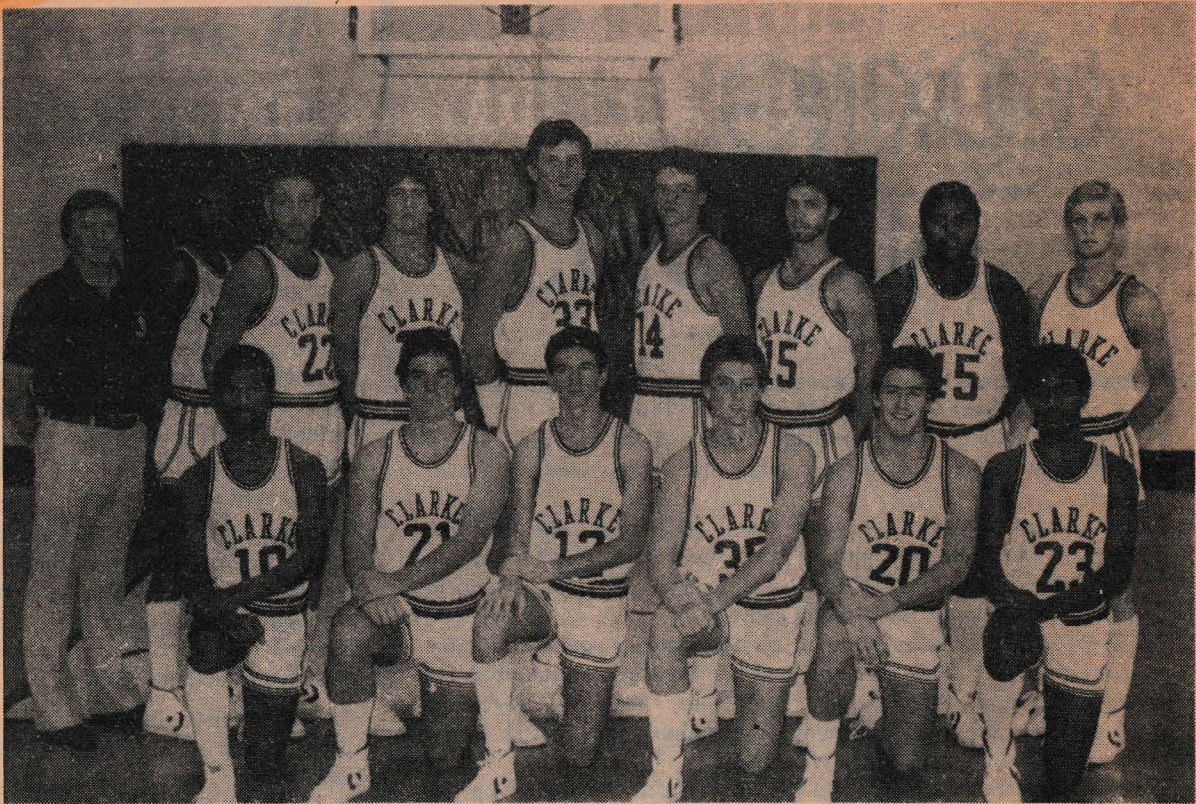
Burton A. and Suzanne Bur-
green Schmitz will live in Togo where he will start and develop churches. 1980
Since 1993 he has been associate pastor of family ministries at First Church in Sonoma, Calif.
Born in Ancon, Panama, Schmitz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Schmitz of Carrollton. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Blue Mountain College and the master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. He also attended Clarke College in Newton. He served in the U.S. n

Clarke College Beauty Pageant Scheduled

The annual Clarke College Beauty pageant will be held Friday, February 5, 1982, 7:30 p.m. in the Lott Fine Arts Building. This year's theme is "Dixieland 1982, Southern Belles in Revue'." Contestants include Lewana Lewis, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Lewis of Union; Cecile Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reeves of Monticello; Debbie Parkes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Parkes of Louisville; Penny Moseley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moseley; Marilyn Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Phillips of Forest; Joyce McAlpin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean McAlpin, Mathiston; Kathy Bailey, daughter of Peggy Jones, Huntsville, Ala.; Teresa Norris, daughter of Eloise Norris, Meridian; Barbara Odom,

daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Perry Odom, Millry, Ala.; and Felicia Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jerry Smith of Vicksburg. Tickets are \$3.00 and may be purchased at the college.

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Coach Prather And The Clarke Panthers

Back row, from left: Tom Prather, coach; Ricky Dorsett, Raleigh; Bobby Thompson, Pensacola, Fla.; Jay Prout, Jackson; David Shute, Jackson; Tamber Proctor, Clarksville, TN; Tommy Lister, Belzoni; Sam Thompson, Raleigh; Dave Forehand, Pensacola, Fla.

Front row, from left: Darrell Dorsett, Raleigh; Mark Wade, Jackson; Ronnie Falvey, Natchez; John Brashier, Jackson; Gordon Baker, Jackson; Kennedy Gamble, Wheeler.

Meet The Panthers Night

Clarke College invites the public to join them on October 22 at 8:30 p.m. for "Meet the Panthers Night" in Cockrell Gymnasium on the Clarke Campus.

The Student Body Association of the College is sponsoring the event which will include introductions of the players and cheerleaders and intersquad game.

There will be no admission charge.

Panthers Honored At Clarke Banquet



Featured At The Clarke Banquet

John Stroud (second, left) former Ole Miss All American basketball star, was the featured speaker at the Clarke College All Sports Banquet held Tuesday, April 27. Others on the agenda were (l-r) baseball coach Joe Gibbons, Stroud, Panther Award winner Brian Long, and basketball coach Tom Prather.



Baseball Award Winners

Clarke College baseball coach Joe Gibbon (left) presented awards in baseball to (l-r) James Tramel (Most Improved), Doug Lycette (Sportsmanship), Brian Long (Offensive and Most Valuable) and Jeff May (Defense).



Basketball Award Winners

Clarke College basketball coach Tom Prather (left) presented awards to basketball players (l-r) Sam Thompson (Offensive), Tamber Proctor (Most Improved), Bobby Thompson (Defense), Ronnie Falvey (Sportsmanship) and Gordon Baker (Most Valuable).

By Van Lucas

The Clarke College cafeteria was filled to near capacity as Panther athletes, coaches and guests attended the All Sports Banquet held Tuesday, April 27.

Dow Ford, master of ceremonies, welcomed the guests at the first annual event which included basketball and baseball. John Stroud of Ole Miss basketball fame was the featured speaker.

Van Lucas introduced John Stroud and brought to everyone's attention that the guest speaker was the individual who broke some five Ole Miss basketball records held by none other than Joe Gibbon.

Stroud informed the group on several traits that aided him in developing not only his basketball stardom but influenced his life style. By developing one's ability, believing in dedication, setting goals, being thankful and setting examples is the way of life John Stroud suggests for all athletes.

Basketball coach Tom Prather presented basketball awards to Tamber Proctor (Most Improved), Bobby Thompson (Defensive), Sam Thompson (Offensive), Ronnie Falvey (Sportsmanship), and Gordon Baker (Most Valuable).

Baseball coach Joe Gibbon presented awards to James Tramel (Most Improved), Jeff May (Defensive), Brian Long (Offensive), Doug Lycette (Sportsmanship) and Brian Long (Most Valuable).

A new tradition was instituted when the Clarke coaches presented letter-jackets to all the 1981-82 lettermen and Brian Long was

awarded the prestigious "Panther Award" as the most outstanding athlete based on attitude, respect and ideal qualities.

Special presentations were made to Coach Prather (by Gordon

Baker), Coach Gibbon (by Brian Long) and Dr. Henry Estes (by David Shute).

Dow Ford closed the event by announcing girl's basketball will be introduced to the Clarke athletic program next season. Panther athlete Ronnie Falvey delivered the invocation prior to the meal.

Clarke Falls to MJC 67-66

Clarke College faced a determined group of Eagles from Meridian Junior College Monday night and fell prey to their strong home court advantage by a score of 67-66.

Before a packed house Meridian took a lead of 41-34 into the locker room at halftime only to find their lead erased in the second half as the Panthers put their offense together to place them within one point at the buzzer. Three Panthers placed in double figures. Kennedy Gamble of Booneville led all scorers with 19 followed by Gordon Baker of Jackson with 18. Mark Wade also of Jackson chipped in 11 for the Panthers.

Craft and Buck each scored 12 for the Eagles.

Clarke stands now at 1-1 for the season having defeated Southeastern Baptist 83-61 in their opener.

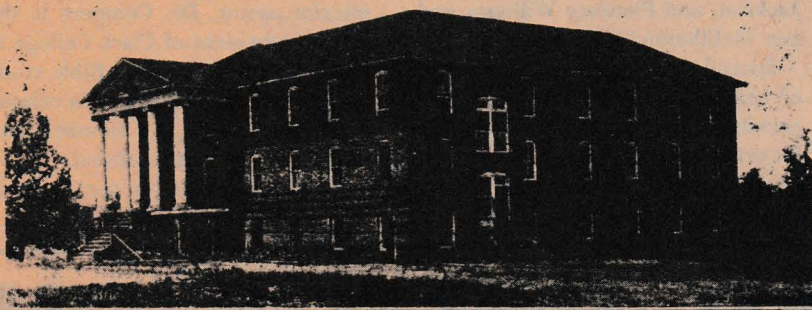
The Panthers won't have long to wait for their next chance at the Eagles as the two square off at 7:30 Friday night in the Newton High School Gymnasium. The public is invited.

Yesterday In Newton

by Nancy H. Williams

Boys Dormitory at Clarke

This week we are offering a picture of the old boys' dormitory at Clarke, a picture which appeared in the 1913 Progressive League brochure on Newton. There is one more old picture of a Clarke building in this valuable source material and we hope to show you that one next week.



BOYS' DORMITORY, CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE

More on Clarke Curriculum

We have had two sources confirm this week that Clarke was indeed begun as a four year college, and remained a four year college at least until the 1920's. We wonder what happened to cause the reduction to a two year college. The arrival of the Depression, Perhaps? Anyway, we have been given some good leads to source material and hope to clear up the matter later.

This week and next, we plan to continue our outline of the curriculum as listed in the 1911-12 Clarke catalog. This week we begin with the history department. The freshmen were not taxed too heavily because the textbooks only touched the high spots. the textbooks were: Montgomery's **LEADING FACTS OF ENGLISH HISTORY**, and Montgo-

mery's **BRIEF FACTS OF FRENCH HISTORY**.

The sophomores were treated to the history of Greece and Rome and the juniors were taught "mediaeval" and modern history.

But the seniors, ah the seniors, were given an American history course that warmed our heart. It is described thus: "Intensive studies of

American history. No textbook will be used in this work, but the study will be made from the sources and from the best secondary works.

"Throughout the entire History course, much parallel reading will be required. Research work and special reports on assigned topics will be important features of the work." Whether obtaining an A.B. or B.S., seniors were obligated to take this admirable course as a three hour subject.

In the English department, among other requirements, freshmen were required to write and analyze short stories and to write themes. Sophomores analyzed novels, studied Southern writers and modern American literature. Students were to select from "parallel" reading. Juniors studied English literature and biographies of authors and Shakespeare. The seniors concentrated on Milton, more Shakespeare, and other authors of the Elizabethan Age. Some of these courses may have been given in the preparatory school. We find the catalog a little confusing on this point.

Other courses taught in the college, other than the ones we mentioned last week, were French, Natural Science (physical geography, physiology, physics, botany, chemistry, astronomy, and geology and zoology). It is mentioned that geography and physiology were taught in the preparatory school.

February 6, 1980

There was a Bible department and a ministerial training department, but we are told in the catalog, "The Bible will be taught in all college classes."

Other departments are listed below. There was the department of philosophy (moral and mental philosophy and logic) - requirement of the senior year - the music department, offering voice and piano and "sight singing," with courses in applied music, music theory, and music history.

The department of expression had a broad curriculum. The first year was devoted to voice, memory, and physical training. It also taught one "how to think."

Voice training was continued in the second year. By the third year, dramatics was emphasized, including "dramatic instinct." These courses should have prepared one well for "declamations" and "extemporaneous debate." Incidentally, the Rev. J.H. Bentune says a "declamation" consisted of essays and/or poetry. We would still like to see one.

There was a teachers' training department which prepared one for the "free school examinations."

We mentioned the commercial department last week.

We were particularly interested in the preparatory school because it offered such excellent courses for "backward students." Remember that the one room schoolhouse, useful though it may have been, sometimes had a session of only four months (or less?). Some of you will know more about this situation than your colonist.

We quote the catalog again.

**"SPECIAL ADVANTAGES GIVEN
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"If you are living in the country, where you have never had the advantages of a graded high school, do not hesitate to come to Clarke Memorial College because you think you are not far enough advanced.

Remember, we have classes especially provided for you. Special pains will be taken with you, and you will accomplish as much in one term here as you would in a whole year in the public schools. Do not stay away because you are behind in your studies, but enter at once." The preparatory school curriculum extended over two years and included arithmetic, literature, two years of grammar, U.S. history, geography, physiology, Botany, business methods, frequent exercises in composition (and we judge there was no argument against "essay questions"), civic government and Mississippi history (the Riley history was used).

We are having our usual mental block against anything mathematical and we forgot to tell you about the college department of mathematics. The freshmen used a high school algebra text; the sophomores studied college algebra and plane geometry,

and the juniors studied solid geometry; the seniors took plane and spherical trigonometry and analytical geometry. There appear to have been very few electives allowed, whatever degree one was obtaining.

We find all this rather breathtaking for a small college in a small town. True, Newton had earlier had the male and female college, but we have been led to believe that institution was more like a high school.

Clarke Library Comparison

Being a librarian by profession, I am especially interested in the Clarke Memorial College Library circa 1912. As I said earlier, the library fee was \$1.50 per student per year. The first year the school was in operation, the townspeople gave thirty-one books to start the library collection.

By the end of the third session, the library shelves contained 426 bound volumes and 200 magazines, the catalog states. "Three of the best dailies of the South and several weeklies are received; some of the best magazines come to us each month through subscription and donation."

The catalog mentions how carefully selected each book was and the fact that "... the circulation during 1910-11 has been marvelous." the catalog also makes the following curious statement: "On our shelves may be found excellent works suited to the needs of each department and such fiction as boys find both enjoyable and uplifting." It would certainly be interesting to know which "carefully selected" books the early library contained.

We are pleased to note the thirty-one books originally contributed by the townspeople at least some of whom were literate enough back in 1908 to have college level books in their personal libraries.

A recent Clarke College catalog indicates the library currently contains over 18,000 volumes. "Additional resources include pamphlets, state and national government documents, filmstrips, newspapers, periodicals, phonodiscs, and sheet music. Audio-visual equip-

Calvin Permenter To Present Solo Concert On April 18

By SUE CARNEY
Special To Today

Calvin Permenter, professor of piano at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., will appear in solo concert Saturday, April 18, at 8 p. m. in the Meridian High School auditorium.

A former pupil of Vernon Raines, the 27-year old Permenter has studied with some of the finest teachers in the United States and Europe, including Walter Hautzig, George Katz, Ilona Voorm, David Bar-Illan, Phillippe Entremont, Gaby Casadesus and the world-renowned Mlle Nadia Boulanger.

Raines took his young pupil to Mlle Boulanger in the summer of 1974 and, of 31 aspiring contestants who auditioned, Permenter was the only one she selected to teach privately, also arranging for him to live in the Fontainebleau Palace where she taught and resided. He returned for a second summer of study with her and then entered the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Upon his graduation, he was named student of the year and was the recipient of the highest award given at the

school, the Camille McElroy Piano Scholarship, as well as the Van Cliburn Conservatory Concerto Competition.

His education continued during the academic year of 1976-77 in Paris as the private student of Gaby Casadesus. He was one of 16 American pianists to participate in the Ravel Academy of Music held in Saint Jean-de-Luz, France, where the president of the Academy, Phillippe Entremont, selected him to play Beethoven's "Third Piano Concerto" with the Toulouse Orchestra. Entremont, today, is the conductor of the New Orleans Symphony.

Permenter continued his formal education at Drake University as the private pupil of the eminent American pianist, George Katz. He received his master's degree in music from Drake and also the honorary degree of Phi Kappa Lambda. A professorship at Clarke College followed and he taught there until accepting his assignment at William Jewell, where he speaks with great pride of their "incredible music department." It is interesting to note that the internationally acclaimed tenor, Luciano Pavarotti, made his

first concert appearance in the United States at William Jewell, and Mississippi's own Leontyne Price is scheduled for a concert in the fall.

The busy life of this young musician is filled with exciting moments. Three of the most memorable during the past few weeks were...a personal telephone call from Dr. Billy Graham, inviting him to participate in a foreign crusade this summer; seeing one of his pupils win the Young Artist Competition in Kansas City, playing with their symphony; and, to bring it all full circle, a pleasant reunion with Phillippe Entremont, who was appearing at the college with the touring Toulouse Orchestra.

For his concert in Meridian, Permenter has chosen a program that should appeal to all tastes. His pieces include Beethoven's "Sonata Opus 31 No. 3 in E Flat Major;" "Nocturne in D Flat Major Opus 63" by Faure; two selections by Liszt, "Au Bord d'Une Source and Concert Etude: Gnomenreigen," with the second half of the evening featuring Chopin's "Sonata in B Minor Opus 58."

Conductor Raines has announced that all proceeds from the concert will benefit the scholarship fund of the Meridian Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are five dollars and will be on sale at the auditorium beginning at 7 p. m. and in business places downtown and at the mall.

NEWTON, NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1982

As Director Of Missions

Meltons Honored On Twentieth Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Melton were honored Sunday afternoon at a reception hosted by the Newton County Baptist Association at the Family Life Building of the First Baptist Church of Newton.

The occasion marked the Meltons twentieth anniversary as the association's Director of Missions and Secretary to the Director.

A host of friends gathered from throughout the county and state to pay tribute to this couple on this signal occasion.

In recognition of twenty years of dedicated service to the churches of this county, the Rev. Charles Davis, Newton County Baptist Association Moderator and pastor of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, presented the Meltons with a plaque enscribed "Presented to Dr. and Mrs. C.H. Melton in Appreciation of and Commendation for 20 Years of

Untiring, Dedicated, and Productive Service, 1962-1982, Newton County Baptist Association."

The Meltons were then presented a silver tray by Rev. E.L. Clark, association treasurer and pastor of the Goodhope Baptist Church, and on the tray was a very generous love gift from the churches in the association.

Dr. and Mrs. Melton assumed their association duties on June 1, 1962 and their past twenty years has seen the churches in this association strengthened and develop in every area under their leadership.

Dr. Melton is recognized throughout the Southland for his effective work in association missions, and has participated in many programs promoted by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

He is a member of a joint task

force representing several Southern Baptist agencies in the development of Bible study and Christian training literature for the blind.

In addition to their association duties the Meltons also serve on the faculty and staff of Clarke College in Newton.

The Meltons have two children: Tommy, who is graduating in architectural management at Auburn in August. He is married to the former Ellen Kelly of Auburn.

Tommy and Ellen are active in the First Baptist Church of Opelika, Ala.; Susan is married to Randle Varnado of Kenwood, La. and has a son, Cary, 7.

Randle is stationed at the Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. Susan and Randle are active in the First Baptist Church of Abilene.



Calvin Permenter

Dr. Patricia Kuby

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only Pat Williams

Decatur Daily Doctor of philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy in Early Childhood Education and Development degree was conferred upon Patricia Kuby on June 5 by the Graduate School of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her dissertation research was "Early Reading Ability of Kindergarten Children Following Environmental Print Instruction."

Ms. Kuby was included in the 1994 edition of Who's Who in American Education and will be listed in the 1995 edition of Who's Who of American Women. She also inducted into Kappa Delta Epsilon, an honorary education society while at UAB. She is president of Tennessee Valley Association for the Education of Young Children and employed as assistant professor of Early Childhood/Elementary Education at Athens State College. 6/19/94

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Curtis Price was ordained by Terry Road Church, Jackson, on March 26. Henry Bennett preached the sermon, James Netherland gave the charge, and Del Gann led the ordination prayer. Price will serve as pastor of Poplar Church, Newton County.

Clarke College Faculty Wives

Attend "Salad Luncheon"

CLINTON--Faculty and administrative wives and women faculty members of Clarke College recently met with the Mississippi College Faculty Wives at a Saturday "Salad Luncheon" at Hendrick House, home of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Nobles, in Clinton.

A wide variety of salads was arranged on the dining room and breakfast room tables, where guests were invited to serve themselves. The informal rooms of the house, the den and the sunporch, were then used for seating.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Betty Barber, President of the Mississippi College Faculty Wives, introduced faculty wives and women faculty from Clarke and new members of the Clinton group.

Members of the Mississippi College Faculty Wives, both the day and night group, assisted in presenting their counterparts from Clarke. Mrs. Joy Nobles introduced Mrs. A.D. Johnson and named Mrs. Lowrey Compere as former president's wives.

Mrs. Ann Martin introduced Mrs. Mary Garner; Mrs. Alicia Pittman, Mrs. Vivian Rasmussen; Mrs. Ann Lee, Mrs. Betty Bounds; Mrs. Lyda Stark, Mrs. Layette Chance; Mrs. Joan Pope, Mrs. Virginia Costilow; Mrs. Mary Beth Hanbery, Mrs. Patricia Dean; Mrs. Jan Jayroe, Mrs. Laura Dunaway; Mrs. Beverly Baird; Mrs. Elaine Estes; Mrs. Audra O'Neal; Mrs. Vera Melton; Mrs. Bea Snazelle, Dr. Mary Jane Myers.

Also, Mrs. Janet Taylor; Miss Suzanne Noble; Mrs. Janet Lee, Mrs. Vickie Prather; Mrs. Mary

Etta Thompson; Mrs. Sandy Reed; Mrs. Judy Sclater; Mrs. Sarah Snyder; Mrs. Arie Farr; Mrs. Juan Williams; and Mrs. Kathy Howard, Mrs. Sally Hart.

Mrs. Nobles alluded to the fact the Mississippi College is now a three-campus school, with students in Clinton, Newton, and the School of Law in Jackson. Mrs. Barber extended best wishes to the Clarke wives and welcomed them into the fellowship of faculty and administrative wives.

Reports were given from several committees and plans outlined for a joint spring luncheon in May. On that note, the first meeting of 1981-82 Faculty Wives was concluded.

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April 18, 1994

Dear Alumni and Friends,
I am a Clark College Alumni 1977-1979. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the Clarke College Alumni Association Homecoming. Distance, lack of time to prepare for this event and other conflicts will not allow me to attend.

My family and I are in our 5th year in South Dakota where I pastor a small Baptist Church in a very small town. I am bi-vocational as is my wife. The Lord has been good to us in every way. We have two daughters 9 and 7 and a very sweet church family. I am in my second term as vice president of the Dakota Southern Baptist Fellowship. Distances between our churches here are much greater than those of our sister churches in the South but our Lord is just as real.

If anyone of you would like to be placed on our newsletter we can be contacted at the above address. We send to you our friends greeting of a blessed hope, grace and peace.

In Christ' Service

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Beauty and Beau Pageant at Clar

Pictured above is Traci Hickman of Newton who place amon top 5 in the recent beauty and beau pageant held at Clarke Co
Traci is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hickman of Ne and is a sophomore education major at Clarke. Her escort is Tim Johnson of Raleigh. (Photo by Clarke College)



Beauty and Beau Pageant

Pictured above are Christy Dillon of Pascagoula and escort Hart of Newton, who were participants in the recent beau and beau pageant held at Clarke College.

Christy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Dillon of Pas and is a freshman at Clarke majoring in Religious Educati serves as manager of the women's basketball team.

Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hart of Newton a freshman liberal arts major at Clarke. Escorts for the pagea selected by the contestants. (Clarke College Photo)



Clarke Pageant Winners

Pictured above are winners of the recent beauty and beau pageant held on the Clarke College campus. They are: Most Beautiful, Kim Puckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Puckett, Magee, MS; Most Handsome, Kelly Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bishop, Jackson, MS.

Alternate winners were: Tim Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Raleigh and Missie Whalen, daughter of Mrs. Patsy Whalen, Wesson, MS; first alternates (right). Mike Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Alexander, Union and Angie Parnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parnell, Newton, second alternates (left). Kim Puckett also received the title of Miss Congeniality, an award given by popular vote of the pageant contestants. (Photo by Clarke College)



Arbor Day

Students at Clarke College recently planted a number of trees in observance of Arbor Day. With the help of Mrs. James Read and Leslie Hughes, Librarian, these students uprooted small trees of several types from Clarke's forest across Highway 80 and set them to grow on campus. This special project was sponsored by the Student Body Association. Pictured above are SBA members as they admire a young magnolia tree they have just finished setting.

Slip card out to Read Beginning

Clarke placed "on probation"

Keith Justice set by the accrediting

Though there has been a change in the college's operating status, according to Clarke president Dr. James Read, there are things that have to be brought into the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has changed since the college's designation from "on notice" to "on probation." The change, he said, basically is a probation with the continuing financial problems that have plagued the college does not meet the criteria.

The college's fortunes seemed to be on the upswing when the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted last November to increase a budget line item for Clarke from \$55,000 to \$200,000. According to a formula used by the Convention since 1983, Clarke has received a dwindling share of monies labeled "administrative funds."

"Actually, I was sort of surprised that they would change the college's status from 'on notice' to 'on probation,'" Read said. "After the Convention, I thought they would reaffirm and give the ten-year accreditation."

The status of all colleges and schools is reviewed once each year at the annual meeting of the SACS. Clarke College has been a member of SACS since 1952.

"I know what they (SACS) have to deal with," Read said. "There are colleges that will promise anything just to get their accreditation, and then they do nothing, so the SACS attitude has to be 'we're from Missouri, show us what you're going to do.'"

Accreditation by the SACS is based on 13 criteria. The two

criteria for which Clarke has been cited, Read said, are numbers 11 and 13: long range planning and demonstrated financial stability. "It's a chicken and egg kind of thing," Read said. "You've got to have one to have the other. The

crux of our problem boils down to a stable financial base. If you've got that, all the other things fall into place."

The probationary status does not affect transfer students. "Our stu-

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Clarke College: past, present & future

A brief chronology of the most recent events in Clarke College's continuing efforts to maintain adequate financial support:

■ On Nov. 15, 1988, at the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson, messengers elected to give Clarke College a \$200,000 special allocation for the budget year 1989. Payments, made monthly, are to begin in January 1989.

■ A record number of messengers to the convention voted 871-413 in favor of the special \$200,000 allocation, more than a two to one margin.

■ The increased financial support will help offset the effects of the 12 percent reduction of the Convention's "administrative funding," a reduction program that began in 1983. This support, which totaled \$250,000 in 1983, will be completely eliminated by 1991, thus reducing Clarke College's Convention support to that which is based solely on full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

In order to insure survival, promote growth and establish financial stability, in the months and years ahead the Clarke College administration will be exploring

some of the following possibilities and striving to meet the necessary goals:

■ This year, Clarke College's annual fund drive has a challenging goal of \$145,000. The College is hoping friends, and alumni will increase their level of support, and that anyone wishing to help the college will explore such possibilities as planned giving, bequests, and annuities.

■ Foundation support will be explored so that new sources of funding may be acquired.

■ In kind gifts and services to the college will be sought. This does not require a "cash gift" by the donor, but such gifts and services can be appraised and receipted for value.

■ Convention support must be settled in order for Clarke to have a stable financial base and thus be a true resource to its community.

■ The ultimate goal is for Clarke College to secure an adequate amount of endowment to insure its future. Private colleges must have endowments to maintain operations. Colleges with only a few hundred students, such as Clarke, are generally financially stable because of endowments.

Clarke College alumni dedicate center at homecoming

By Juanita West

Clarke College alumni and friends gathered during their annual homecoming on Aug. 3 to dedicate the Clarke College Alumni Center.

The center will house various materials related to Clarke College history and to the service made through the years by the institution and its alumni.

The house, located on the edge of the former Clarke College property in Newton, is being leased by the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Board for \$1 per year to the alumni association as long as an active association exists.

After the dedicatory prayer, the alumni toured the facility, which had been refurbished by the recently elected members of the alumni board.

Prior to the dedication, alumni and friends gathered at Calvary Church, Newton, for a morning of reunion and renewal.

After a fellowship continental breakfast, the group moved into the

church sanctuary for a period of spiritual fellowship.

James B. (Buddy) McElroy, former music faculty member and now minister of music at Liberty Church, Amite Association, led the congregational praise and the special music from the alumni choir.

The choir sang selections from McElroy's recently published "An Old-fashioned Homecoming," which he had written and performed with the Clarke College Choir in 1966.

Hal Bates ('71), pastor of Collinsville Church, Lauderdale Association, challenged the group to recognize how God is always at work in their lives and to commit themselves to his use.

J. B. Costilow ('51) Baptist Student Union director for 33 years, led a memorial service and a time of reminiscing about experiences at Clarke, especially memories related to those who have gained their final victory.

Two important items of business related to forming an alumni choir and establishing a Lottie Moon program.

McElroy is serving as coordinator of the reunion singers. According to McElroy, "We (Clarke) have alumni who sing living all over the United States and in many foreign countries. We also have trained musicians living all over who could direct these singers. Our goal is to minister by request through music and drama to any

church or mission station and also to provide fellowship among (Clarke's) alumni and friends.

Additional information will be sent to alumni who are interested in either singing or hosting a singing group.

Contact the Clarke College Alumni Association, P. O. Box 493, Newton, MS 390345, or call Marian Thornton at (601) 635-2911.

Costilow will coordinate a Clarke College Alumni Foreign Mission Emphasis. During the business meeting, the alumni voted to set a goal of \$650 for the Lottie Moon offering, to be given over and above the offering given through members' churches.

A special mission emphasis program, which will include the traditional lighting of the star, will be held at the Alumni Center in Newton on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m.

Additional information can be obtained at the alumni breakfast at the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Wednesday morning, Oct. 30, or by writing the alumni office.

New officers elected to serve the association are James Griffith ('47), president; Cecile Reeves Stanback ('82), vice-president; Evelyn Carpenter Williams ('66), secretary/treasurer; and Keltin Valentine, faculty/staff advisor.

Homecoming '97 will be held in Newton on Saturday, April 26.

West is immediate past president of the Clarke College Alumni Association.

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Education Commission Initiative

Executive Body Proposes Clarke Fiscal Assistance

Financial assurance through the Spring semester of 1981 has been guaranteed Clarke College by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The committee met in a special session March 14 after the Clarke administration and trustees requested a hearing to discuss financial conditions at the college. Meeting jointly with the Executive Committee were the Christian Education Commission and the Clarke trustees.

In separate meetings the Education Commission made the suggestion of financial assurance through the Spring semester of 1981, and the Executive Committee endorsed the action with slight alterations.

During the course of the general meeting that preceded the separate meetings of the Commission and the Executive Committee, M. L. Flynt of Meridian, chairman of the Clarke College trustees, declared that with two years' time to get through a financial

pinch the college is experiencing at the present, it will be on its feet and would be able to continue to serve, as an institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Clarke College, a junior college, is located at Newton.

A primary element in the consideration of a course of action was the study concerning Clarke College now under way by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This study was requested in the Spring of

last year in a joint recommendation by the Clarke trustees and the Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Commission. It was adopted unanimously by both the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention in their meetings in November.

The purpose of the study is to submit proposals as to how the college can be better able to serve as an educational institution of the convention, according to Education Commission spokesmen.

The financial problem troubling Clarke was said to stem from a declining enrollment, in statements made during the meeting last week. During this school year there are 162 students at the college. This is a decline from 209 last year, but that figure was an increase from the 177 of the year before. Prior to that there had been a gradual decline from the peak of 445 students in the 1965-66 school year.

The action proposed by the Education Commission and accepted by the Executive Committee and the Clarke trustees was that the Mississippi Baptist Convention assure the operation of the college through the Spring semester of 1981, during which time the study by the SBC Education Commission will have been completed and the alterna-

Clarke College

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tives suggested will have been given due consideration.

The action was developed upon a suggestion by Joe Tuten, a member of the Education Commission and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. The vice-president of the commission, Billy Thames, president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, presided in the absence of Chairman Kermit McGregor, who is recuperating from a heart attack earlier in the year.

According to the action taken, it is subject to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 2 of the Mississippi Baptist Convention constitution. It also provides that any deficit spending must be approved by the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission and the Executive Committee of the Convention Board before it can be committed. The action points out that the trustees of the college are responsible for the operation of the college and assures the support of Clarke College and Christian higher education in Mississippi by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It also proposes the sale of certain assets now held by Clarke College in order to gain more operating funds.

A. C. Johnson, who became president of Clarke College last July, pointed out that the present financial situation had come about because of a policy established with this budget year that no funds would be transferred from one account to another. Johnson had been acting president since January of 1979. Previously several years of deficit financing had taken place as funds were transferred out of a reserve fund. That fund is nearing depletion. An exception to the deficit financing was last year, when the school wound up \$118,000 in the black. This was due to several sizable gifts to the college. Officials say that gifts dropped off sharply when it was announced that a study by the SBC Education Commission was being considered.

Historically, the college has had more freshmen than sophomores. Statistics since 1966 show that an average of more than 39 percent of the freshmen have not returned for the second year. The college expects 40 to

50 of its present students back for the 1980-81 school year, meaning it will need some 120 new students to maintain its present status.

Johnson pointed out that many of the second year students do not return to the college because they feel able at that point to move on to a four-year institution. He noted the ministry of the junior college in providing a bridge for the student between high school and higher education.

Johnson said there is no better group of students and more dedicated to the cause of Christ anywhere than at Clarke. He cited the freedom in the classroom to talk about relationships to Christ and noted that 40 foreign missionaries have been students at Clarke.

Flynt noted that even during the years that the college was operating in the red there were many young people receiving a fine Christian education.

Johnson expressed appreciation for the action of the Education Commission and the Executive Committee. He said he felt this would allow the college to get past its present financial circumstance so that it could continue to provide a ministry to many young people in the years to come.

The chairman for the general meeting was Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Addie Wilson G. McNeely
retired music teacher

ANDERSON, S.C. — Addie Wilson Gerald McNeely, 81, a retired music teacher, died of heart failure Thursday at Brookside Nursing Center.

Services were Saturday with committal services at 3:30 p.m. today in the City Cemetery in Hazlehurst, Miss. Visitation is after 2 p.m. today at Stringer Funeral Home in Hazlehurst.

Mrs. McNeely was a Liberty, Miss., native. She was a member of Boulevard Baptist Church. She taught music, voice and choral activity in Brandon, Miss., Pascagoula, Miss., and Newton, Miss. She was minister of music at First Baptist Church in Louisville, Miss., and First Baptist Church in Greenwood, Miss. She was a teaching fellow at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and a professor of music at Clarke Memorial College in Newton. She was the widow of Robert A. Heritage Sr. and Edwin McNeely.

Survivors include: son, Robert A. Heritage Jr. of Anderson; stepdaughter, Marilyn McNeely Dunn of Washington; brothers, James D. Gerald of Leland, Miss., and Clay N. Gerald of Jackson, Miss.; sisters, Opal Toalston of Alliance, Ohio, and Hope Hood of Richland, Miss.; and three grandchildren.

Aaron Smith Vinson, musician

By Kimberley Brown
Special to the Clarion-Ledger

AMORY — Aaron Smith Vinson, 48, a musician, died of cancer Saturday at his home. Services are 5 p.m. today at Lee Memorial Funeral Home in Verona.

Mr. Vinson, a Lee County native, lived all of his life in Lee County before moving to Amory two years ago. He was a self-employed musician and songwriter and a former employee of the Tupelo Fire Department. He attended Clarke College and was an honorably discharged U.S. Marine. He was a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

Mr. Vinson was beloved by music fans throughout North Mississippi and was particularly noted for his blues renditions.

"He was one of the greatest guitar and harp players to ever come out of Mississippi," said Mick Atherton of Tupelo, a longtime friend and songwriter and performing partner. "He was instrumental in the revitalization of the blues in this area and his accolades were legendary. He was world reknown."

Mr. Vinson's sister, Sandra Christian of Tupelo, agrees with Atherton. "He was of the finest blues guitar players in the world," she said. "He was a local legend in Tupelo. He wrote original music and performed it very well."

Mr. Vinson enjoyed many hobbies including fishing. "He loved to fish for relaxation," said Christian, "but music next to his family was his life. He had been playing since he was about 16 years old."

Christian described her brother as a gentle, kind and encouraging man. "He was very much a family man, but he was also a good friend and an all around wonderful person," she said. "He was always very encouraging to young musicians and he would give them the opportunity to play when no one else would by inviting them to sit in with him when he was playing somewhere."

Mr. Vinson was also a strong man who showed his courage and gave his family strength during his three month bout with cancer.

"He was always smiling," said Christian. "Even when he was in pain from his illness, he kept smiling and telling us he loved us. He was very peaceful and did not want us to feel sad. He wanted a celebration, not a time of mourning. He told us many times not to cry for him because he was going to paradise."

Family members of Mr. Vinson said they wanted his service to celebrate his life and music. They said his musician friends will provide a musical tribute and perform some of his original works. After the service, friends and family are invited to a potluck dinner at the funeral home and are encouraged to bring a dish.

Other survivors include: wife, Doris; daughter, Heather Vinson of Amory; sons, Christopher Vinson Trawick of Birmingham and Tracy McCormick of Memphis; and mother, Louise Smith Vinson of Mount Vernon.

Memorials may be made to Smith Vinson Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 1131, Tupelo MS 38801.

GUEST OPINION:

'Messiah' has its rewards

By Buddy McElroy, Minister of Music,
Liberty Church, Liberty

Fashions change and generations come and go, but Handel's "Messiah" continues to be the most-performed and well-attended musical composition in America and England.

There are two reasons why this musical score has lasted so long:

— The words are entirely Scriptural, and

— musicologists like Donald Neven of the Eastman School of Music agree that "Messiah" was written with the help of a source higher than mere humanity.

"Messiah" (no "The" in the title) is unlike any other composition of George Frideric Handel, a Christian man who experienced many hardships and was rejected for his musical style.

In 1741, Handel was miserably discouraged, swimming in debt, and driving himself relentlessly to recover from one failure after another.

Then two unforeseen events occurred. A friend named Charles Jennings gave Handel the libretto (text) for "Messiah" at almost the same time Handel received a commission to produce a musical composition for a charity benefit.

Handel became so absorbed in setting the libretto to music that he did not leave his room for three weeks, rarely stopping to eat or sleep.

In six days he completed part one, known as the Christmas portion because it deals with the prophecy of God's plan to redeem humanity through the Messiah.

He completed part two in nine days. Part two deals with the Messiah's sacrifice and man's rejection of that offer of redemption.

Only six additional days were needed to complete part three, a hymn of Thanksgiving for the Messiah's overthrow of death.

"Messiah" premiered on April 13, 1742, raising 400 pounds for charity and freeing 142 men from debtor's prison.

When Handel later conducted "Messiah" for King George II of England, the monarch was so moved by the triumphant "Hallelujah Chorus" that he rose to his feet and was quickly

Mississippi Baptist Convention convenes 161st session Oct. 29-30 at First, Jackson

By Tim Nicholas
MBCB Communications Dir.

The 161st annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention (MBC) will begin Oct. 29 at First Church, Jackson, with associated preliminary meetings getting underway on Monday, Oct. 28.

Activities will include messages by Dellana O'Brien, head of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham; O.S. Hawkins, pastor of First Church, Dallas, the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) largest church; and retired missionaries.

Messengers will also consider a record state Cooperative Program budget and a new covenant relationship with MBC-affiliated institutions.

The first official session of the convention begins on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 8:30 a.m. in First Church's sanctuary, after a slate of Monday programs which include a Lay Missions Conference, a Ministers' Wives Conference, and a Pastors' Conference.

A complete, clip-out Convention schedule can be found on page 11 of this issue.

The evening portion of the Lay Missions Conference begins at 5 p.m. with a banquet in Fellowship Hall East at First Church, Jackson. O'Brien will be featured speaker.

Additionally, the banquet will offer a testimony by Robert Brown, pastor of Grace

Community Church, Tchula, and representatives will be presented from Mississippi's three current partnership missions: Honduras, Venezuela, and the state of Colorado.

Ministers wives will meet from 1-4:30 p.m. on Oct. 28.

They will hear two speakers, both ministers' wives: Katherine Webster, retired secretary at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Betty Davis, creative writer of Sunday School curriculum for children.

The Pastors' Conference will have two Oct. 28 sessions — at 1 p.m. and 6:16 p.m.

The afternoon session will feature Mississippi pastors Don Boone of Agricola Church, Agricola; Tom Atwood of First Church, Oxford; Dean Stewart of First Church, McLain; and Kara Blackard of Wheeler Grove Church, Corinth.

Evening speakers will be Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hills Church, Mobile; Hawkins; and James Merritt, pastor of First Church, Snellville, Ga.

Tuesday morning begins the first session (8:30 a.m.) of the four-sessions of the 1996 Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Though a shorter convention than earlier years — conventions have run between five and seven sessions — organizers say there should be adequate time to accomplish convention business.

MBC President Jimmy Porter, pastor of First Church, McComb,

said the convention can be extended into Wednesday afternoon, if necessary.

Convention business includes consideration of a \$24 million Cooperative Program budget, 37% of which goes to SBC-related causes outside Mississippi.

The remainder funds Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) training programs in the churches and associations, child care, Christian higher education, foundation work, and education for Christian action.

Other business to be handled by messengers includes:

- election of convention officers. Porter is eligible for a second one-year term.

- consideration of resolutions.

- consideration of an MBCB proposal to establish a covenant relationship between MBC and trustees of MBC-affiliated institutions.

The plan would include joint nominations of trustees by trustee boards and the MBC nominating committee, which is elected by the convention.

Institutions affected by the proposal include Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, William Carey College in Hattiesburg, the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, and the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson.

Porter said the 1996 convention "could well be the most important of modern times."

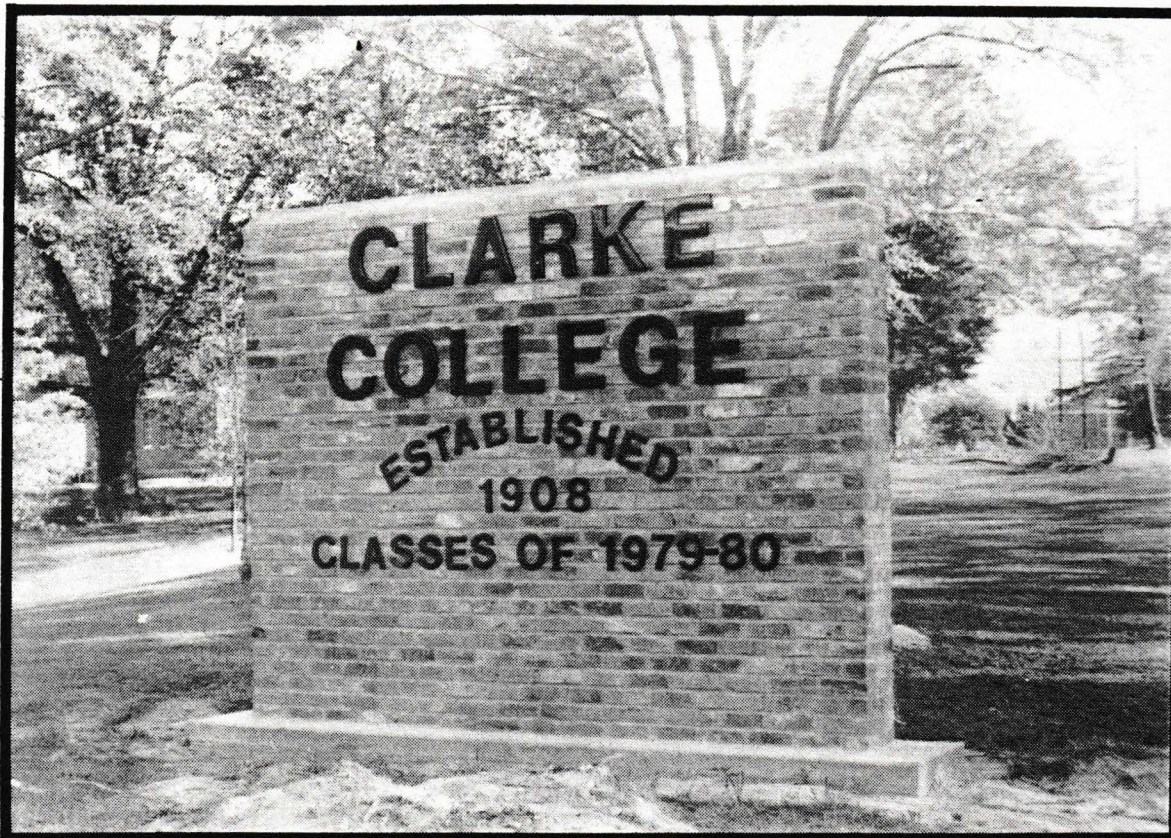
The covenant proposal will "strengthen our relationships with all our institutions and place them in a position to fulfill their stated mission.

"When this is accomplished, our state will be able to forego much of the pain and agony being experienced by many of our sister states," Porter said.

"God has assigned Mississippi Baptists a tremendous task and I believe this

convention will unite us as one body in Christ, motivated to help bring Mississippi and the world to Jesus," he added.

Robert Hamblin, professor at New Orleans Seminary, will give the Bible Treasure devotionals on Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday morning.



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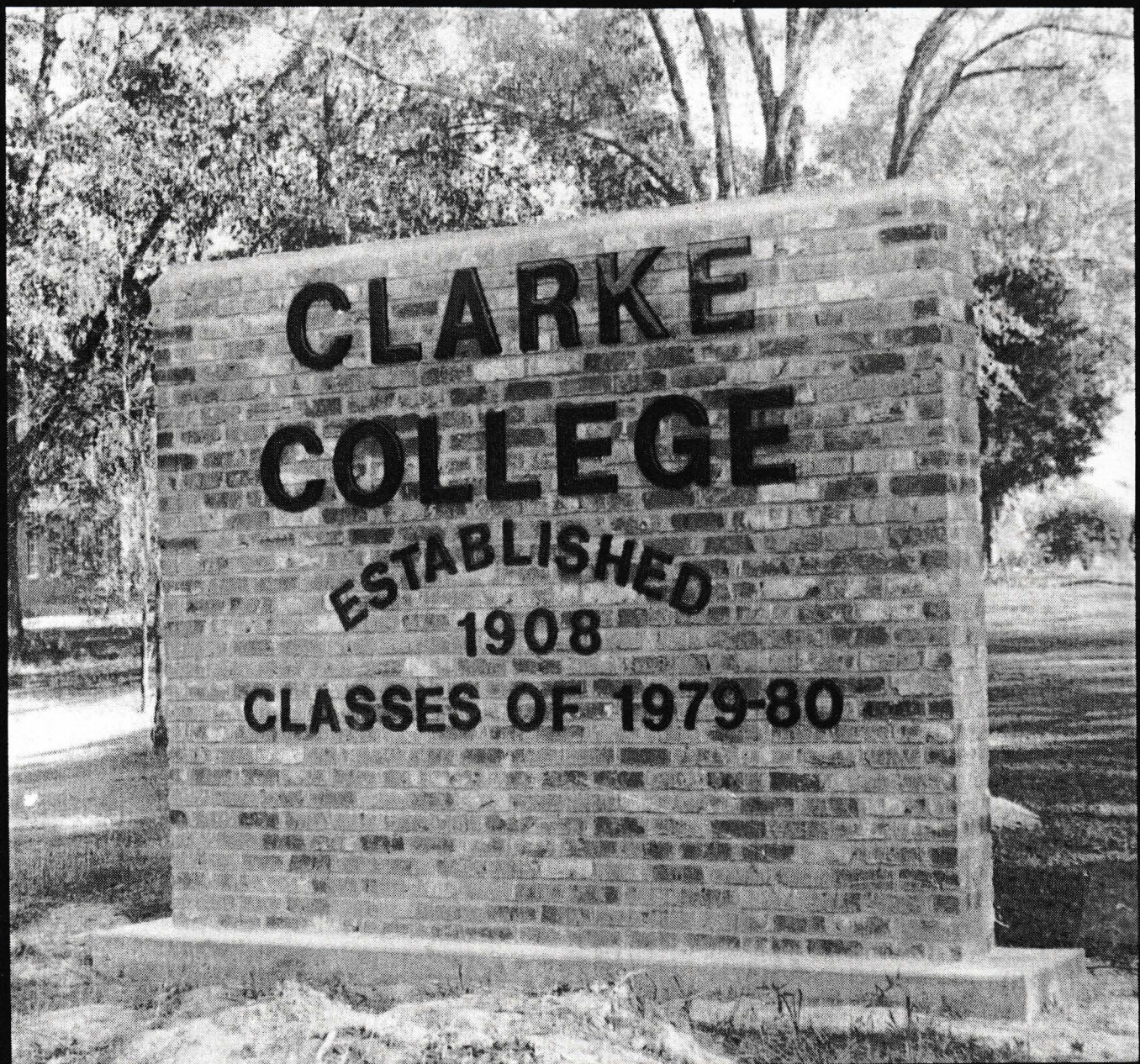
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Exec. Committee meets in Jackson, fills three posts

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) met April 4 in their regular spring session. Jim Futral, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, presided.

The committee voted to employ two new consultants and one Baptist Student Union (BSU) director, and to transfer another BSU director.

David Thomas Wills, 33, was selected to be general administrative/associational consultant in the MBCB's Sunday School Department. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. Wills has served in youth work in Clinton and Amory and as minister of education at First Church, Oxford. Presently, he is minister of education at First Church, Pearl. He is married and has one child.

Glenn Shows, minister of family life at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, was approved to become consultant in the MBCB's Discipleship and Family Ministry Department. Shows will work in the adult discipleship and family ministry section. He is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married and has two daughters.

T. Scott Vaughn was approved by the committee to be the Baptist Student Union director at East Central Community College in Decatur. He received his education at the University of Southern Mississippi and New Orleans Seminary. He is currently pastor of Shiloh Church near Louisville. Previously, he served as summer missionary to Korea and Belize. Vaughn is married and has two children.

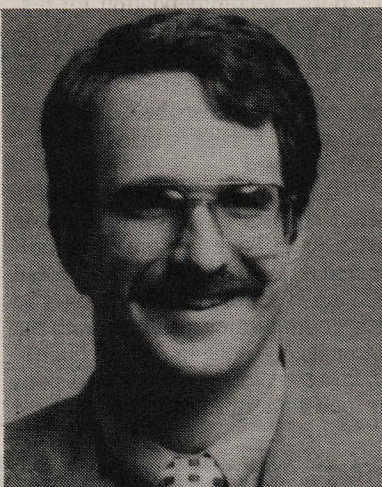
The committee also approved the transfer of Austin Wayne Vandiver from BSU director at Itawamba Community College in

Fulton to Northeast Community College in Booneville. Vandiver is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife have three children.

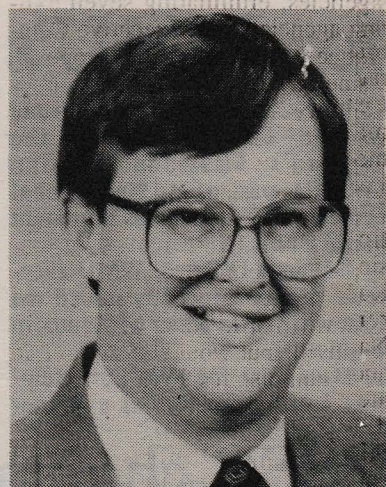
The committee also approved \$50,000 for the purchase of land for a new mission point on Rice Road near Madison. The mission will be sponsored by Metro Association, under the direction of Eddie Hamilton. The total price of

the 12.4 acres of land is \$140,000; Metro Association will be able to request additional funds in 1996.

In other actions, the committee approved Dennis Duvall of Neshoba Association and Randle Poss of Oktibbeha Association to replace Curtis Guess and Hal Selby as members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Guess and Selby have moved from their respective associations.



Wills



Shows



Vandiver



Vaughn

Property deed presented to Clarke alumni

By Carl M. White
Associate Editor

The special committee formed to dispose of the Clarke College property presented the deed for one acre of land and a house to the Clarke College Alumni Association (CCAA) on Oct. 17.

Larry Otis, a Tupelo businessman and chairman of the special committee, presented the deed on behalf of Mississippi Baptists to the officers of CCAA.

"We are pleased that the Clarke alumni have been legally constituted and can accept the deed to the property on behalf of the Mississippi Baptist Convention (MBC)," Otis said.

Messengers to the 1995 MBC session directed the special committee to reserve from any sale of the Clarke College property one acre and a building for the use by the school's alumni.

Evelyn Williams, CCAA secretary-treasurer, received the deed on behalf of CCAA.

"Thank you, Mississippi Baptists, for allowing us to have such a place where we can still be identified as the Clarke College Alumni Association," Williams said.

James Griffith, CCAA president added, "We felt the warmth of the Lord's direction in making certain this place would be here for us. We will make good use of it."

Clarke College, a former Baptist-affiliated junior college in Newton, was closed in May of 1992.

On Aug. 20 of this year, the Mississippi State Department of Mental Health (DMH) entered into a one-year option to purchase the property for \$1,000,000.

Funding for the purchase is expected to be approved by the Mississippi Legislature in January 1997.

DMH plans to convert the property into a facility for adults age 35 and older who need limited supervision in a residential setting.



Present for the transfer of the property deed to the Clarke College Alumni Association (CCAA) were (front row, from left) Juanita West, CCAA past president; James Griffith, CCAA president; Evelyn Williams, CCAA secretary; Larry Otis, chairman of the Clarke Property Committee (CPC); (second row, from left) Frank Harmon, CPC member; R. J. Reynolds, CPC member; J. B. Costilow, CCAA; Marian Thorton, CCAA; Juan Williams, CCAA; Ernestine Burns, CCAA; (back row, from left) Barri A. Shirley, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Sally Hart, CCAA; Kelton Valentine, CCAA; Bill May CPC member. (Photo by Carl M. White)

Gospel blooms before Mississippian's eyes

By Betty Poor
Foreign Mission Board

ANTOFAGASTA, Chile—The Lord's promise to Israel to make the desert be glad and blossom (Isaiah 35:1) has been fulfilled in the ministry of Betty Hart, Southern Baptist missionary for 30 years in Antofagasta, in northern Chile.

Antofagasta, a Pacific port city of about 200,000 people, is set in the Atacama desert, one of the bleakest deserts in the world—too dry even for cactus. Water for the city is piped in from melted snow in the Andes Mountains.

Hart, born in New Orleans but brought up in south Mississippi, first came to Antofagasta in 1965 to direct a Baptist school, but now does children's work and church development.

She has seen the Gospel "blossom" in all levels of

Chilean society. Now a year from retirement, she works with a children's Sunday School in the humble fishing village of Coloso, with middle-class Chileans in the Coviefi Baptist Mission, and has a Bible study with the wives of executives of the Escondida Copper Co., based in Antofagasta.

During the 15-minute drive to the fishing village, Hart

explains how she came to be working there.

It all began when she opened a Tennessee "Baptist and Reflector" and saw the following prayer request: "Pray for Miss Betty Hart as she seeks to open work among the fishermen of Antofagasta."

She had not sent in the prayer request and was amused at the idea at first.

"I could just visualize my going to the wharves greeting the incoming boats of rough, tough, brawny fishermen with their catch of the day's fish, preaching and passing out tracts to them."

Was the prayer request a mere coincidence?

One day Belia Perez, a long-time Chilean friend and co-worker and director of the Baptist out-patient clinic in Antofagasta, told Hart about a woman and her small children who had come to the Baptist clinic inquiring about medical attention for a group of people isolated from Antofagasta with no public transportation available.

Perez did not mention the exact location of the isolated area at first.

"Somehow I knew in my heart before Relia got that far in her story that Coloso (the fishermen's village) was the place where they lived," Hart says.

Perez and Hart went to Coloso the next day to investigate.

They met the president of the neighborhood council who was thrilled that they wanted to have a medical clinic and a "Big A Club".

"A" stands for "alegría" (happiness) or "amistad" (friendship) in Spanish. It is a kind of backyard Bible club for children.

The president of the Coloso council offered them the use of a nursery school (including a patio for the "Big A Club") and the neighborhood center.

They began offering medical attention to the fishermen and their families.

They also have the services of a midwife and provide eye glasses.

"I sat back and rejoiced that God had opened a new ministry of service," says Hart.

During the week, Hart works with people of still another strata of society—the upper class wives of copper mine executives in a section of Antofagasta called "jardines del Sur Alto" (high southern gardens).

Erika Cortes, the wife of a copper mine official, who is from a Presbyterian family, began attending the Coviefi Mission.

Cortes invited Hart and her friend Perez to her beautiful mountainside home for an informal Bible study with her neighbors.

Hart tells how getting together for tea with Perez, Cortes, and five of her neighbors

led to an opportunity to share Christ with all of them.

Hart says that after a nice visit over tea, Cortes asked her about the evangelical viewpoint regarding organ transplants.

"After a bit of discussion, the Lord led me to ask if they knew what the most miraculous transplant is," she says.

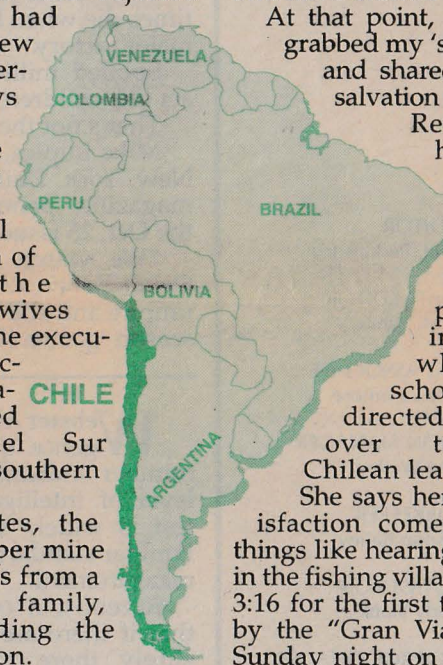
"I answered that a spiritual transplant is the greatest. I quoted a verse in John regarding eternal life and one of the women, Ana, asked, 'how can one have eternal life?'"

At that point, Hart says, "I grabbed my 'sword' (Bible), and shared the plan of salvation with Ana."

Reflecting on her 30 years in the "desert," Hart remembers the important step in the work when the school she once directed was turned over to capable Chilean leaders.

She says her greatest satisfaction comes from little things like hearing the children in the fishing village quote John 3:16 for the first time or going by the "Gran Via" church on Sunday night on the way to a mission point, and seeing the lights on and hearing hymns being sung in Spanish.

Although not even cactus grow in Antofagasta, the Gospel has flourished, and Betty Hart has had a significant part in that growth.



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Face Lift For Clarke Alumni House

Marian Thornton

That's the Spirit of Clarke
College!

The Clarke College Alumni House on Scanlan Street has a brighter look because of the dedication of two 1950 Clarke Alumni! When Rev. Nathan Pulling and his wife, Helen, attended Clarke Homecoming in April, they saw that the outside woodwork of the Alumni House was deteriorating and they decided to do something about it.

On Memorial Day they drove their motor home from Covington, Louisiana and parked by the Alumni House. they spend the week scraping old paint and placing vinyl siding under the roof over-hang and on the end gables. Assisting them were Joe Fox of Decatur and painters, Don Stamper and Brian Bufkin from Hickory. Materials for repairs were donated by Rev. Sidney Pitts and his wife, Margaret, of terry. They are also Clarke Alumni.

Along with much hard work during the week, the couple enjoyed reminiscing about their years at Clarke College. Rev. Pulling stated, "When they Lord called me to the ministry, I had not received my High School Diploma. I was advised at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to attend Clarke College in the Sub-Collegiate Department, get my GED and then Associate of Arts Degree. My family moved to Newton to attend the most unique college in the world! The teachers and students were like a large family drawn together because of a concern for each other and a concern for God's Mission for each one."



CLARKE ALUMNI HOUSE GET NEW PAINT JOB -Rev. Nathan Pulling and his wife, Helen, are pictured painting. The also placed vinyl siding on the overhang and the end gables. They were assisted by other Alumni. (Clarke Alumni Photo)

Two Mississippi Church that Bro. Pulling served as pastor at Steele Baptist Church in Scott County and Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, South Eupora. Helen Pulling recalls that in the early years, of the ministry, many small churches were not able to pay the minister in cash. They were given farm produce such as eggs, meat and vegetables as salary! Mondays, the preacher-student families at Clarke would provide with each other!

After 50-plus years of active ministry in churches and several more years "helping people," the Pullings will continue to serve others where there is need!

Clarke star symbolic of school's commitment

By Carl M. White
Associate Editor

Final of a two-part series

When Baptist-affiliated Clarke College in Newton closed in May 1992, there were officially 105 students enrolled with a faculty and staff of 24.

Most of the students were able to transfer their credits to other institutions. Most of the faculty and staff went on to other jobs or retirement. With the completion of the sale of the campus to the State of Mississippi this past August, it appears that Clarke College is history.

Not quite. There is something of Clarke College that lives on — a legacy of service to the cause of the Kingdom of God that is perhaps best symbolized by the large blue star emblazoned with the words "Lottie Moon" that hangs on the wall in the Alumni House, a small house on the one acre of the former college property set aside for the Clarke Alumni Association (CAA) by messengers to the Mississippi

Baptist Convention who approved the sale of the property.

The big blue star is covered with lights which would be turned on as the Clarke College family contributed toward reaching their goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for for-



STANDING ROOM ONLY — Clarke College students and faculty in this school annual photo from the 1960's gather for a chapel service, held daily the Baptist-affiliated school's Newton campus. (BR special photo)

Mississippi we need bivocational ministers, the kind of worker who goes into a small community and presents a role model, whether black or white.

"There is a need for pastors who are willing to work hard five days a week and then pastor a church on the weekend. Clarke was helping to meet this need," he said.

Juanita West, former English and speech instructor at Clarke, added, "I think the movement of WCC to start their school of missions was a statement that the Clarke calling was missing in this state."

Clarke's contribution was more than training ministers, according to Juanita

"In addition, Clarke was a good school. People talk a lot about the spiritual atmosphere, but outside people don't appreciate the strong academics we had at Clarke," Williams said.

CAA is continuing the tradition of collecting funds for the Lottie Moon Offering. This year's goal is \$5,000, according to James Griffith, president of CAA. The offering is to be received the first Sunday of December at 5 p.m. at the alumni house.

CAA also has an annual homecoming in April and an alumni breakfast each fall at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Griffith said.



Clarke closing generates flood of memories

By Carl M. White
Associate Editor

First of a two-part series

When Clarke College in Newton closed in May 1992, an era of Mississippi Baptist history came to an end.

The two-year college closed because of declining enrollment and inadequate financial resources that resulted in a loss of accreditation. This came despite a decade-long struggle to keep the institution open that included the 1981 merger with Mississippi College (MC), a four-year sister Baptist institution in Clinton.

While many Mississippi Baptists are familiar with the issues related to the closing of Clarke College, they may not be as familiar with the people — faculty and staff — affected by closing. There's a human side to the closing of an institution.

"The closing was very hard," said Marian Thornton, music instructor at Clarke from 1965-1969, and again from 1985 to the closing. She was also serving as the alumni director at the time of the closing.

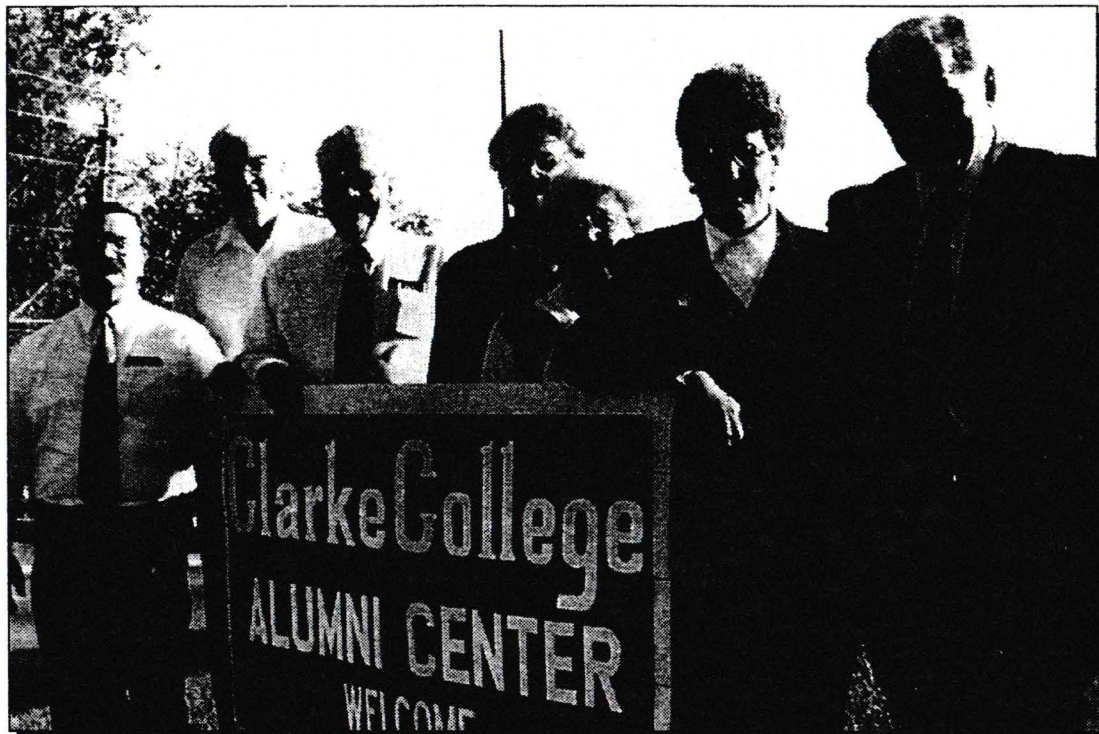
All those gathered in the room at the Clarke College Alumni House, adjacent to the former college property, agreed.

"The hurt didn't start the day it closed," someone said, and all concurred.

Others in attendance included:

- ◆ Juanita Williams, for 24 years a teacher of Development Work.

- ◆ Kelton Valentine, spouse of longtime business manager Herbert Valentine who died in 1981, and former secretary, bookkeeper, administrative assistance and book store manager.



REMEMBERING THE GOOD DAYS — Former Clarke faculty, staff, and alumni who gathered Oct. 16 to share memories include: (from left) Bryan Burt, James Griffith, J.B. Castilow, Kelton Valentine, Juanita Williams, Juanita West, and Eddie Ruddick. (Photo by Carl M. White)

port us," he said, "but so many of our alumni who went on to other schools, like Mississippi State, gave their support to those institutions."

"I came here knowing the school was in trouble, but I felt a call to come here," Ruddick added.

"That is a good word," chimed in Thornton. "We all felt called. It was like surviving on the mission field. What held

Education Commission during closure discussions. "I was very much caught in the middle," he said.

"We had to deal with a great deal of disappointment, animosity and misunderstanding," he said. "Job security was gone. Many were asking, 'Where do I go from here?'"

Harmon observed that most of the faculty and staff found jobs. "Many of them found situations that were better, certainly with more security." However, it was those

TRADITION REMAINS — J. B. Costilow, retired Baptist Student Union Director at Clarke College, points to the Lottie Moon Star that was displayed each Christmas season on the Clarke Campus to motivate students and faculty to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. (Photo by Carl M. White)

eign missions. J. B. Costilow, for 34 years Baptist Student Union Director at Clarke, remembers how excited students would be as they turned on lights indicating progress toward the goal.

"Some of the students would tremble with excitement," he recalled. Costilow said he knew of students who would go without meal money in order to give toward the Lottie Moon goal. "That was the way it was at Clark. Missions was that important."

On a table next to the star is an artificial Christmas tree with gold ornaments hanging all around. It is called the "Mission Tree," for each ornament has engraved on it the name and location of a former Clarke student or alumni who is serving Christ somewhere in the world.

Marian Thornton, former music instructor and alumni director, pointed to the tree. "(Clarke President Lowery) Compere developed a mission oriented school. We have a marvelous legacy," she said.

Eddie Ruddick came to Clarke in 1981 aware of the fact that the school was in trouble. However, he felt a call. "Clarke was doing what I wanted to do, working with bivocational ministers," he said.

Ruddick feels the closing of Clarke College left a void in the training of ministers to work in small rural and city churches.

"We are obligated to recreate, either at (Miss. Baptist-affiliated) Blue Mountain College, Mississippi College or William Carey College (WCC), something of the mission and work of Clarke for the bivocational minister," he said.

"I am very much in favor of the convention continuing that kind of work. If we are to reach the black population of

Williams. Williams taught development work at Clarke for 24 years.

"I always appreciated the opportunity for serving God that being at Clarke provided," she said. "I think statistics would show that Clarke students over the years went into education as much as anything else.

"The school stood for Christian principles. It was like a little bit of heaven on earth. I remember going to Ridgecrest (Conference Center in North Carolina) and thinking, 'This is no more than what we have at Clarke all the time.'

The 1998 homecoming is April 18 at the alumni house in Newton.

The former staff and faculty of Clarke College also have words of advice for Mississippi Baptist. Foremost is a warning not to take Christian higher education for granted.

"Do everything possible to guard every one of our institutions of Christian higher education," West said.

Williams added, "We tend to forget the good when we focus on the bad. So many people have made so many wonderful contributions. We are thankful for them all."

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Dead of malnutrition

Editor:

On May 9, I attended the final "homecoming" at Clarke College, Newton. What I experienced there was reminiscent of many funerals I have attended. I guess one could say that the "homecoming" activities amounted to "memorial services" for our alma mater. Like most funerals there was the expression of emotions: hurt, disbelief, fond memories — shared by all "her children" who attended.

For the past 10-12 years we alumni have watched her suffer and finally succumb. Oh, she had not been ill, she was just hungry! We have tried on many occasions to alert the leaders of our convention that she would starve to death if life-support techniques were not implemented in the form of restored funding as well as the undoing of the merger that we had been led to believe was legal and upright. No one was willing to accept authority to make and/or implement any change that would have insured her survival.

Clarke College has died of malnutrition administered at the hand of those who limited her feeding, thereby draining her very life away.

At every funeral, I've attended there has been talk of the hope we have in Christ of a promised resurrection.... when the truth is finally told, there might just be a resurrection for Clarke as well.

Benny Still, pastor
Poplar Springs Church
Mendenhall



SNAPSHOT FROM CLARKE COLLEGE — In a 1990 annual photograph, music instructor Marian Thornton prepares for a rehearsal in the fine arts building on the Clarke College campus. Thornton taught piano, music theory and served as alumni director. (BR special photo)

secretary, bookkeeper, administrative assistance and book store manager.

◆ Juanita West, English and speech instructor from 1969-1973, 1985-1990, and an adjunct instructor at the time of the closing.

◆ J. B. Castilow, Baptist Student Union Director for 34 years, retiring in Dec. of 1990.

◆ Eddie Ruddick, Bible teacher from 1981 until the closing.

◆ James Griffith, president of the Clarke College Alumni Association and former student.

◆ Bryan Burt, baseball coach and director of student services at the time of the closing.

"Clarke College was our life," Thornton continued. "It was home. All of us who knew (the closing) was something that had to be done, set our minds to make it as good an experience as it could be. But it was like a death."

The closing of Clarke did not come as a complete surprise. Many of the faculty and staff had worked diligently to solve the school's problems.

Thornton, as alumni director, had a plan for the financial support of Clarke called 2,000 For 20 in 92. "The goal was to get 2000 former students and friends to commit to giving \$20 a month in 1992," she said.

However, many Clarke alumni were pastors and missionaries who did not have the financial resources to support the school on an ongoing basis. "Clarke students were the ones who went to the poorest places to minister," Eddie Ruddick pointed out. Ruddick was chairman of the Department of Religion and president of the faculty at the time of the closing.

"We found a few alumni who went on to MC, (Baptist-affiliated) William Carey College, or Blue Mountain College to sup-

"That is a good word," chimed in Thornton. "We all felt called. It was like surviving on the mission field. What held us all together was that we all felt a definite call (to Clarke College)."

Kelton Valentine agreed. "We were on our way to Ridgecrest and we visited Clarke College and (President Lowery) Compere. I thought to myself, 'I can't move to Newton!' But every door was open. No doubt, God wanted us here."

The closing of Clarke was like a double tragedy to Valentine. "My husband had invested his life (at Clarke) and I had, too," she said.

"If I had to be a widow, it turns out this was the best place. Why? Because Clarke is like a family," Valentine said.

Juanita West pointed out that the consequences of the closing varied from person to person: "Some people retired; some found other jobs. Some had to leave Newton, while others found jobs out of town and had to commute."

West made mention of several former faculty and staff: Clark Adams, music, now self-employed; Nell Adams, music, now teaching at MC; Linda Alexander, history, now in administration at Holmes Community College; John Dent, Greek and Bible, now with the Baptist Sunday School Board; Sue Ford, computer science, now a computer consultant for a Quitman firm;

Charles Melton, religious education, retired; Lynn Savell, English, now teaching at Newton County Alternative School; Sally Hurt, business manager, unemployed; Wayne Miley, admissions and recruiting, now a pastor and working for the state employment service; James C. Read, Dean of the College, now teaching history at Jones Junior College; Evelyn Williams, financial aid director, now food services director of Newton County Schools.

Frank Harmon, pastor of First Church, Newton since 1983, was pastor to much of the faculty and staff while at the same time served on the Mississippi Baptist

Harmon observed that most of the faculty and staff found jobs. "Many of them found situations that were better, certainly with more security." However, it was those closest to retirement age that had the most difficult time, he observed.

"I was an immovable object," Ruddick said. "In 1992 my wife became immobile because of diabetes at age 62."

"Mississippi does not have a diabetic hospital, so I have to transport her to one out of state. This made it impossible for me to go back to a larger pastorate. Meehan Church, where I have been a bivocational pastor, has been very good to me. They have 80 members, give or take a few."

Ruddick has been unable to secure other employment. He and his wife live in a former staff house owned by First Church, Newton.

"My wife and I were both employed at Clarke," said Bryan Burt, former baseball coach and Director of Student Services. "Plus, we lived in campus housing. We had to find jobs and a place to live. I was able to find a job in about a month, but it took my wife longer."

Burt is now headmaster at Newton Academy.

"(The closing) was more than losing a job," Burt added. "It was like losing a friend, a fellowship, a support system, your identity."

Thornton swept her arm to point toward the different rooms of the alumni house, rooms filled with memorabilia. "All the things in these rooms, this is all we have left — except for what is here," she said, pointing to her head and indicating the memories everyone carries from their years at Clarke.

"We have a marvelous legacy," she added. Others in the room voiced agreement.

It is evident by the warm smiles and kind words that a very special bond remains, the blessing of having been touched by Clarke College.

Next week: Clarke staff and faculty bid farewell to their beloved school and offer words of advice to Mississippi Baptists.

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Mississippi Convention Board Aids In New Church Expansion

Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board last week during the post-convention meeting of the board.

Wester is also chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, the Convention Board's counterpart on a national scale.

Convention Board members named James Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, as vice-chairman and re-elected Julia Otis of Tupelo as secretary. These three Convention Board officers automatically became members of the board's Executive Committee.

Other Executive Committee members elected were Murray Alexander, layman of Greenville; John Causey, pastor of First Church, Corinth; Ingram Foster Jr., layman from Prentiss; Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; R. Raymond Lloyd, pastor of First Church, Starkville; Clark McMurray, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula; Irving Parks, layman from Houston; Charles Pickering, layman from Laurel; Graham Smith, minister of music at Temple Church, Hattiesburg; James Street, pastor of First Church, Wiggins; Mrs. Charles Tyler of Collins; and Alton Yarbrough, minister of education at First Church, Grenada.

Chairman Named

The Executive Committee elected Street as its chairman, named Alexander as vice-chairman, and re-elected Mrs. Collins as secretary.

To fill a vacancy on its staff, the Convention Board elected Joel Haire, pastor of First Church, West Point, as a consultant in the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion. He will replace Clarence Cutrell, who will retire Dec. 31.

The board members authorized an amendment to the retirement policy of Convention Board staff members whereby professional workers may participate in additional retirement

provisions at the rate of 1 percent of salary for each three years of employment and the board will match it percent for percent to a maximum of 5 percent.

The New Church Expansion Committee of the board gained approval of the distribution of funds from the 1979 State Missions Offering. Golden Triangle Association will receive \$35,000 for Lakeview Church in Lowndes County, sponsored by Fairview Church, for a five-acre mission site and \$18,000 for a mobile chapel. Jackson Association will receive \$15,000 for downpayment on a 3½-acre site on Ingalls Avenue in Pascagoula for an Indian church. And Hinds-Madison Association will receive \$18,000 for a mobile chapel for Lake Cavalier Church in Madison County.

Given priority for the 1980 State Missions Offering were a minimum of \$15,000 for payment on the Ingalls Avenue site; the Summertree Planned Community church site in Hinds-Madison Association; the Deerfield Community church site in Hinds-Madison Association; the Prentiss Association for Jumpertown Church, sponsored by Gaston Church of Booneville; and Gulf Coast Association for a North Biloxi church site.

The Oldham Little Church Foundation in Houston, Texas will be asked for a grant for the Jumpertown church.

A new rate schedule for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly was authorized. Two-bed rooms will be \$19.25 per day per person including meals. The cost has been \$17.50. The eight-bed rooms

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The board authorized that \$21,983 be spent from the current fund balance for the repair of an air conditioner breakdown in the Baptist Building and that \$40,000 be spent from the current fund balance for needed painting and repairs at Gulfshore.

On the recommendation of the Christian Education Commission, the board determined the 1980 college fund distribution. In the allocation 35 percent will be used for administration, 10 percent for graduate education, 45 percent for instruction, and 10 percent for special services. Of the special services, 9 percent will go for ministerial enrollment and 1 percent for support of the Education Commission.

Blue Mountain College will get \$308,884, Clarke will get \$242,436, Mississippi College will get \$967,034, and William Carey will get \$659,646. With \$22,000 for the Education Commission, that amounts to \$2.2 million.

The commission reported that there are in Mississippi Baptist colleges 869 freshmen, 715 sophomores, 1,131 juniors, 892 seniors, 1,633 graduate students including those in law school, and 1,119 special students. That makes a total of 6,359. Blue Mountain has 371, Clarke has 157, Mississippi College 3,200, and William Carey has 2,631.

There are 383 ministerial students in the colleges with 96 at Blue Mountain, 32 at Clarke, 106 at Mississippi College, and 149 at William Carey. The number of students are determined in full-time equivalents with 304 at Blue Mountain, 137 at Clarke, 2,323 at Mississippi College, and 1,469 at William Carey.

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will be \$17.75 per person per day including meals. The efficiency apartments will be \$24 per day for two adults, \$33 for three adults, and \$40 maximum. The Youth Conference Package Plan will be \$61 for the conference per person including meals and lodging. There will be 10 campsites available for self-contained campers at \$5 per night with a 50 cents per person participation fee charge. Reservations will be accepted after March 1 for in state and after April 1 for out of state.

\$1,770 for Clarke, \$416 for Mississippi College, and \$441 for William Carey.

During the Executive Committee meeting this group authorized a \$2,500 payment to the Hillcrest Church near Lucedale for damage sustained during Hurricane Frederic. The church found itself under-insured for its \$8,820 damage. The payment will be made out of the church building aid fund from the State Mission Offering. Also Grady

Crowell was approved as the director of missions in the Clark and Wayne Associations, and Guy Culver was approved to become the director of missions in Alcorn and Tishomingo Associations upon the retirement of W. C. Gann. Culver is now director of missions in Union County Association. The approval makes these associations eligible for a \$1,500 per year stipend from the state convention.